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Why Uhuru has stuck to his disputed trade deals with Museveni

President has his eyes on stagnating exports to Kenya's top trading partner

BY VICTOR JUMA

President Uhuru Kenyatta's latest deals with his Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Museveni, which have sparked a heated political debate since his weekend trip to Kampala, were part of the Jubilee government's effort to stop ongoing decline in Kenyan exports to its western neighbour.

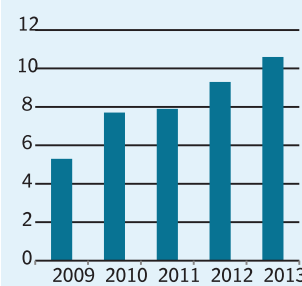
Uganda remains the top export market for Kenyan goods that produces a multi-billion-shilling trade surplus every year with its absorption of a wide range of goods, including cement, steel bars, common salt and beer.

This favourable trade dynamic has, however, deteriorated steadily in the past three years when

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Value of Kenya's sugar imports (Sh bn)

The country imports an average of 149,000 tonnes of the commodity annually



SOURCE: STATISTICAL ABSTRACT 2014

Kenya-Uganda trade (Sh bn)

	Exports	Imports
2010	52.1	9.2
2011	75.9	10.3
2012	67.4	15.3
2013	65.3	16
2014	60.7	17.5

ECONOMIC SURVEY 2015



Safaricom CEO Bob Collymore. FILE

CAK warns Safaricom on M-Pesa fees

BY OKUTTAH MARK

The Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) has ordered telecoms operator Safaricom to make public its Lipa na M-Pesa charges for businesses that levy a commission on the value of payments made through the system.

Francis Wang'ombe, the CAK director-general, said yesterday that his office had received complaints over Safaricom's failure to disclose the charges consumers should incur for use of the Lipa na M-Pesa service in merchant shops or points.

The competition watchdog's directive comes after it emerged that some petroleum stations are charging consumers half the one per cent commission they pay Safaricom for every transaction, citing low profit margins in the tightly regulated market.

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Kimini MP Chris Wamalwa (left), Nambale MP John Bunyasi and Mumias East MP Ben Washiali after addressing the Press yesterday. They said they had turned down an invitation by President Uhuru Kenyatta to State House to discuss the raging sugar import debate because they did not have all the facts.

EVANS HABIL



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ERC stops licensing diesel power plants

The energy regulator has suspended licensing of new diesel-fired plants as the country takes a big bet on its 'green sources' to cut down electricity cost. Page 5»

Barclays profit hits Sh4.6bn on return of ATM charges

Barclays Bank of Kenya's re-introduction of ATM fees late last year boosted its non-interest income, helping to increase the lender's after-tax profit by eight per cent to Sh4.6 billion. Page 8»



Jimnah Mbaru returns at Dyer helm after CEO quits

Veteran investment banker Jimnah Mbaru, 68, is back at the helm of his majority-owned Dyer & Blair brokerage house, plugging the gap left by the exit of top managers. Page 19»

Banks record slowest profit growth in 6 years

Banks' profits in the first half-year grew 8.3 per cent, the slowest expansion recorded in the last six years which could signal an economic slowdown amid tight liquidity. Page 19»

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Ocean tragedy



Mombasa

Counsellors talk with Mr Thomas Mathenge at Pandya Hospital yesterday. Mr Mathenge was among parents whose children drowned while swimming in the Indian Ocean on Wednesday. The children were among the Standard Eight pupils from St. Martins Primary School in Murang'a on a tour of the Coast. LABAN WALLOGA

What made news this week

Week that was

Monday August 10, 2015

Ouko calls Helb out on recovery of Sh21.9bn loans

The Higher Education Loans Board (Helb) is yet to recover Sh21.9 billion from past beneficiaries of State-backed loans that are due for payment, deepening the agency's funding crisis and weakening its ability to support fresh students who are set to join universities next month. Auditor General Edward Ouko has raised the red flag over the growing mountain of graduate loans despite the widening shortfalls in Helb's capitation.

Lobby group now trains 26 women for boardroom jobs

Twenty-six women accountants have graduated from a programme preparing them for board positions in a push for gender-balanced boardrooms. Women on Boards Network, formed by a group of ladies who have served in boardrooms, has taken the role of preparing women for top company positions through mentorship and recommending them to businesses in an effort to improve women directorship from the current below 15 per cent among listed institutions.

Tuesday August 11, 2015

Revenue authority eyes taxpayers' bank accounts

The Kenya Revenue Authority is set to link its automated taxpayers' database to bank accounts of ordinary citizens in a move expected to smoke out thousands of tax evaders. The Sh765 million database known as Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence offers a single view of a taxpayer's profile, linking them with third party systems such

as banks and utility firms for easier determination of compliance. KRA currently faces massive challenges in tracking tax cheats because it uses multiple databases that hamper analysis and detection of fraudulent behaviour, the authority's project manager Yvonne Wafula says in the latest publication of the Treasury's Public Financial Management Programme.

Uhuru visit to Uganda unlocks trade in cheap sugar and meat

Kenya and Uganda have struck a deal allowing cheaper Ugandan sugar into the Kenyan market, ending the long-running feud over the trading of the commodity across their common border.

The deal President Uhuru Kenyatta signed with his Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Museveni in Kampala also clears the way for Kenyan traders to export beef to Uganda under similar terms, deepening the commercial ties between Kampala and East Africa's largest economy.

Wednesday August 12, 2015

Kenblest seeks Sh1 billion IFC loan to fund expansion

Bread maker Kenblest Group is negotiating a Sh1 billion loan with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to partly finance the Sh2.2 billion expansion of its milling business in Thika. The IFC, which is the World Bank's private financing arm, says in its disclosure of the deal that it is considering advancing the loan to the Thika-based company, signalling that the negotiations have entered a critical stage.

Nairobi MCAs spend Sh1bn, pass two Bills in 14 months

The Nairobi County Assembly has passed

only two Bills in the past 14 months, raising concerns about the value taxpayers are getting for the Sh1 billion the county government spent on its members during the same period.

The county legislature, which has been paralysed by constant squabbling between the ward representatives and the executive, now stands out as one of the least performing, putting at risk the city government's ability to collect revenue and execute its budget plans.

Thursday August 13, 2015

Uchumi kicks sub-tenant retailers out of its stores

Loss-making retailer Uchumi Supermarkets has asked operators of specialty shops within its outlets to vacate by mid next month, putting at risk more than 100 medium-sized businesses which rely on the traffic associated with its brand to make sales. In letters dispatched to all sub-tenants last week, Uchumi said the notice to vacate had been prompted by a change in its business strategy whose details it did not disclose.

Cost cutting lifts Co-op Bank's half-year net profit 32 pc

Co-operative Bank's net profit for the half year to June jumped 32 per cent helped by cost cutting which has seen the lender's labour and operational expenses drop by four per cent. The bank said yesterday its after-tax profit for the six months to June had risen to Sh6.2 billion from Sh4.5 billion reported during a similar period last year. Co-op Bank hired McKinsey & Co to advise on cost cutting measures, which saw the exit of over 160 senior staff at a cost of Sh1.3 billion.

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GES portends bright future for industrial sector

➤ **GROWTH** Manufacturers optimistic recently concluded summit will lead to more investment in the next few months

After growing robustly in the initial years of former President Mwai Kibaki's tenure, the manufacturing sector has nearly stalled, accounting for barely 10 per cent of gross domestic product. Industry players say a lot has been done to improve the operating environment for manufacturers but realisation of the sector's full potential remains shackled by numerous challenges. We spoke with KAM chief executive Phyllis Wakiaga on the future of manufacturing in a connected world.

The Kenya Association of Manufacturers' mission is to promote local manufacturing, create jobs and foster prosperity. Has this been achieved?

Yes. Competitive manufacturing is all about creating an enabling business environment and that is what KAM strives to achieve. The reduction in the number of licenses, introduction of single business permits, and our engagements in expanding markets is evident through EPAs and extension of facilities such as Agoa, which lead to job creation. The Buy Kenya, Build Kenya campaign has been a big score for us.

What is the outlook on the sector, based on jobs creation and contribution to the country's output?

The World Bank's Kenya economic update shows that Kenya is poised to become Africa's fastest growing economy. The report says the manufacturing sector's outlook is positive, helped by falling oil prices but also picks out weaknesses that need to be addressed. In 2014 the sector grew by 4.3 per cent compared to the economy's 5.4 per cent. Inefficiencies continue to plague the sector, including under-utilisation of labour and capital.

What government support is needed to boost your operations and accelerate the pace of industrialisation?

We are constrained by

expensive electricity, an unequal playing field in the EAC, competition from fake and substandard goods, lack of proper market access for our products and poor uptake of locally manufactured goods. Electricity tariffs, which now stand at an average of US\$ 15/kWh for industrial consumers, are still high. An investor seeking cheaper energy cost is more likely to set up in neighbouring countries. The government can boost the industrial sector by reducing regulations and cost of compliance to lower the cost of doing business.

Any new investments in the pipeline or planned expansion?

Kenya's greenfield foreign direct investments projects fell significantly from \$461m in 2013 to \$86m in 2014, according to UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2015. We know that our members are constantly involved in expansion projects and that there are new investors coming in due to the good returns this region promises. With the recently concluded Gloal Entrepreneurship Summit 2015, we hope to see more investments trickling in.

Manufacturers have complained that mid-way policy changes have hurt their operations. For example, the 2013 increase in duty on imported paper from 10 per cent to 25 per cent four months after the EAC budgets. How has the levy increment impacted manufacturers in the packaging industry?

There has been a policy reversal to lower duty rates for various paper grades. For the metal and allied sector, the revision of duty from 10 per cent to 25 per cent on finished products and specific tariffs upward revision resulted in increased output of fabricated metals by 13.5



Phyllis Wakiaga.

per cent, according to the Economic Survey 2015. Similarly, while we anticipate an increase in output and a decrease in production costs for the paper and paper board sector, we cannot give figures quantifying the effect at this time.

Have the issues on compliance by manufacturers with KRA's excise duty rules been resolved?

KRA has been very responsive whenever we approach them with issues affecting manufacturers. We held a

meeting with KRA in respect to the ongoing licensing of manufacturers and importers of excisable goods. The meeting addressed challenges cited by manufacturers and importers in the licensing of excisable goods and explored areas of cooperation. Key aspects of the agreement includes KRA's review of all appeals from the different companies and issuance of letters allowing concerned firms to continue operating and to sell goods that were manufactured prior to KRA's publication of the July 24 notice that listed companies licensed to transact in excisable goods. KRA also agreed to continue issuing licences to companies that present the relevant documents and to publish an updated list within a week.

Besides, KRA and KAM were to review the requirement for traders to produce a letter from the county government as evidence that a factory is located in a designated area. KRA and KAM will continue to engage through different platforms to strengthen their cooperation in getting mutually beneficial solutions to some of the challenges facing the industry.

What do you think of the proposal to set up a stabilisation fund to mitigate fuel prices volatility and cushion the economy? How will the fund benefit manufacturers?

The Central Bank of Kenya keeps foreign exchange reserves usually totalling to four months' worth of import cover. This is an inbuilt prudent measure to help the country absorb any shocks that we may face in a sudden crisis that does not seem to run across other sectors. Take the fuel reserves at the Kipevu Oil refinery, which at the moment are only sufficient to run the country for five days. It is a case of covering your backside and leaving the flanks open to attack. Due to a halt in operations in September 2013 at the Kenya Petroleum Refineries Limited, Kenya stopped buying crude oil and begun importing refined petroleum products. This had an effect not only in Kenya but also the region since we also supply other countries like Zanzibar. According to the Energy Regulatory Commission, Kenya buys through the Open Tendering System and it takes about 30 to 45 days between tendering and delivery of the products to our shores, which is not a very efficient way of doing business.

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Why Uhuru is keen on striking trade deals with Uganda

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Ugandan imports rose to new highs as Kenyan exports slid, drawing the attention of Kenyan authorities.

Mr Kenyatta's growing dalliance with the Ugandan strongman is therefore being seen as a calculated effort to clear the numerous non-tariff barriers that have partly contributed to the stagnation of Kenya's exports to the neighbouring country.

Mr Kenyatta has since coming to power in March 2013 struck mega deals with Kampala, including the concession that allowed Ugandan tax officials to sit at the Mombasa port to help speed up clearance of Ugandan goods.

Slow movement of goods through the port and Kenyan roads has long unsettled Ugandan traders and irked Mr Museveni who took the concession as one of his biggest diplomatic achievements with Nairobi during his three-decade stay in power.

Mr Kenyatta has also negotiated with Kampala the development of mega infrastructure projects worth billions of shillings, including the ongoing construction of the standard gauge railway and an oil pipeline that will run through Kenya to the port of Malindi.

Kenya has also promised to support Uganda's plan to build an oil refinery for the massive deposits it is about to start drilling close to its western border — a

near coup for Kampala coming just two years after Kenya shut down the region's only refinery in Mombasa.

It was therefore not lost to keen observers of Kenya's relations with Uganda that Mr Kenyatta would offer Kampala any sweetener that could culminate in Uganda removing some of the many barriers it has erected against Kenyan goods despite the political heat it was likely to generate.

In defending the controversial sugar deal, Mr Kenyatta has restated Kenya's position as a net importer of sugar that could enhance its economic interests by sourcing the commodity from neighbouring Uganda as opposed to distant places such as Brazil with which it has tenuous links.

Official statistics show that Kenya will keep importing sugar from other markets as well since Uganda's estimated surplus of 26,000 tonnes is only about 17 per cent of Kenya's annual sugar imports that now stand at an annual average of 149,000 tonnes. In addition, Kenya mostly imports industrial sugar that no miller produces throughout East Africa.

Disjointed communication from the government on the deal it struck with Uganda last weekend has given the opposition ammunition to go on the offensive, arguing that it was a well-calculated ploy to give politically-connected individuals a licence to kill the

What safeguards are in place to stop sugar from the rest of world coming into Kenya via Uganda

OPPOSITION
CORD COALITION



President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Museveni during a joint press conference at State House, Entebbe last weekend. FILE

local sugar industry.

Foreign Affairs secretary Amina Mohamed on Wednesday denied that Kenya reached any agreement on sugar imports from Uganda, contradicting Mr Kenyatta who reiterated the government's intention to absorb Uganda's sugar surplus.

Things have not been made any easier by the fact that the government is yet to make the agreements public, a move that would have given an indication of what volumes Kenya wants to import from Uganda and any safeguards it put in place to protect the local sugar industry.

"What safeguards are in place to stop sugar from the rest of world coming into Kenya via Uganda (including by Kenyan sugar barons who can use Uganda as a base)?" opposition Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) said in a statement.

"We believe the sugarcane farmers have been sacrificed by a government pandering to narrow corporate and personal interests."

CORD says it wants the sugar deal to be cancelled, with the political fallout gaining momentum yesterday after Western Kenya MPs snubbed Mr Kenyatta's invitation to State House,

Nairobi to discuss the controversial deal, insisting its contents be made public first.

Besides volumes, there are fears that the imported sugar would be significantly cheaper compared to the locally produced commodity and ultimately hurt local millers, including Mumias which only recently received a government bailout.

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics show that Kenya imported sugar at an average price of Sh55 per kilogramme in the five years ended 2013 — a significant price advantage for the imported commodity.

Treasury secretary Henry Rotich recently announced higher taxes for imported sugar, a move that should boost the competitiveness of local millers.

Imported sugar is to be charged duty at the rate of \$460 (Sh46,000) per tonne, a 130 per cent increase from the current \$200 (Sh20,000).

While the merits of the sugar deal remain debatable, Kenya will definitely benefit from the agreement that allows its traders to export beef and related products to Uganda unrestrained.

Uganda produced 197,000 metric tonnes of beef and related products in 2013 against a consumption demand

of about 250,000, leaving a deficit that Kenya is seeking to plug with increased exports.

Kenya's total food exports to Uganda, including beef, rose to a record Sh1.6 billion in 2013, having grown steadily from a paltry Sh13 million in 2009.

The deal could also help Kenya boost its livestock and meat exports that stood at Sh2.9 billion in 2013, having increased 10.7 per cent from Sh2.6 billion the year before.

Kenya exported goods worth Sh60.7 billion to Uganda last year, making it the biggest market ahead of Tanzania, which absorbed Sh42.7 billion worth of Kenyan goods.

The Sh60.7 billion worth of exports to Uganda, however, marks the third successive decline since the peak of Sh75.9 billion in 2011, and stands in contrast to imports from the neighbouring country that rallied to peak at Sh17.5 billion last year.

While Kenya remains in a trade surplus position against Uganda, the decline in its exports diminished its net exports to Sh43.2 billion last year.

The surplus, which has been on a slide for three consecutive years, last peaked at Sh65.6 billion in 2011.

Uganda's primary export to Kenya is tobacco, which earned it Sh6.1 billion last year alone, and the sugar deal offers it an opportunity to diversify its exports to Kenya.

Kenya is keen on protecting its favourable trade with African countries like Uganda and Tanzania to balance the huge trade deficits it has with major economic powers like China and the US.

Kenya's total trade deficit worsened to Sh1 trillion last year, reflecting the absorption of more expensive goods, including machinery and vehicles, against the export of mainly primary goods like tea and coffee.

This trade imbalance has been cited as a factor in the weakening of the shilling and its attendant negative effects on the broader economy.

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Competition watchdog probes Safaricom's Lipa na M-Pesa

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said it had relied on Section 56(4) of the Act that requires a service provider to inform the consumer of all charges and fees, 'by whatever name called or described; intended to be imposed for the provision of a service.

Mr Wang'ombe said the CAK had on January 23, 2015 conducted investigations in line with its consumer protection mandate and had ordered Safaricom to undertake a campaign in both electronic media, during prime time, and print media for at least 14 days to sensitise consumers.

Safaricom is also required to disseminate Point of Sale (POS) stickers to all merchant outlets/points and Fuel Tent Cards using the Lipa na M-pesa service highlighting clearly the 0.5 per

cent or any other applicable charge on the transaction value.

"The exercise of disseminating the Fuel Tent Cards should be finalised by August 31, 2015 and for POS in the Merchant outlets/shops by September 30, 2015," Mr Wang'ombe said.

Safaricom chief executive Bob Collymore said in a previous interview that the charge on Lipa na M-Pesa was limited to a few petrol stations, insisting that the service was free to end users in many outlets.

"As a matter of transparency, we are running a campaign to inform our consumers about this, warning them that they may attract some charges in some of the petrol stations," Mr Collymore added.

Petrol station owners pay a one

per cent commission on the value of every payment made through Lipa na M-Pesa down from the initial 1.5 per cent that Safaricom charged during the first months of the service.

Banks charge traders between three and five per cent commission on credit and debit card swipes, making Lipa na M-Pesa the cheapest cashless payment option for businesses.

The service has registered 49,413 business owners who receive an average of Sh11.6 billion in payments every month.

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data show that most Kenyans prefer mobile money payment services to plastic cards.

Declining card payments have been registered in retail outlets such as su-

permarkets, gas stations and hotels where Safaricom has installed its Lipa na M-Pesa service.

Payments settled through cards last year were just 0.7 per cent higher at Sh427.6 billion compared to Sh424.8 billion the previous year, according to the CBK data.

Card payment peaked at Sh549.6 billion in the first four months of 2013, indicating how steep the decline has been in just a couple of years. Analysts attribute the rapid fall in use of card payments to rising popularity of mobile money platforms such as Safaricom's M-Pesa and Airtel Money.

The marginal growth of card payments in 2014 and 2015 was significant because they represented a marked difference with the 87.2 per cent in-

crease in plastic money use between 2012 and 2013.

There was a 2.9 per cent decline card use in April when the value transacted stood at Sh110.6 billion compared to the previous month when total card payments were Sh113.8 billion.

The steady decline in the value of card payments has continued even as the number of cards issued increased every month during the first four months of the year to a total of 14.2 million in April up from 13.6 million in January.

The higher number of cards means that though people continue to obtain them, the pace at which they are using them is not rising as fast and has in fact fallen relative to 2013.

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ERC stops licensing diesel power plants to cut costs

► **ENERGY** Move is in line with plan to rely more on renewable energy

BY NEVILLE OTUKI

The energy regulator has suspended licensing of new diesel-fired plants as the country takes a big bet on its 'green sources' to cut down electricity cost.

The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) says Triumph Power's 83-megawatt plant in Athi River, which became operational last month, would be the country's last thermal unit.

The only other fossil-based power generation, the ERC said, would be from coal-fired plants that include the 981.5 megawatts (MW) unit planned in Lamu.

"We are not going to have additional diesel-run plants beyond Tri-

umph's," ERC director-general Joseph Ng'ang'a told the *Business Daily*.

Triumph and Gulf Energy (80MW) which started operations last December had entered into contracts with the government before President Uhuru Kenyatta's strategy for heavy focus on renewable energy in 2013. The strategy seeks to cut power cost from Sh19 per kilowatt-hour to Sh10.45.

Thermal sources account for 30.1 per cent (692.3MW) of the country's installed capacity of 2,298MW. The diesel plants are, however, often on stand-by and are only switched on during peak hours or when power production from cheaper sources drops, acting as system stabilisers.

"Geothermal and hydropower plants are cheap and efficient and that's why they operate during most of the day. But they may not be appropriate in terms of overall cost and operational flexibility to meet the evening demand peak of about five hours only," said Mr Ng'ang'a.

"This is where diesel plants come in, which are quite flexible to start and stop based on the short-period demand."

Power demand is at its highest between 6pm and 10pm when Kenyans return home from work and switch on house lighting, cooking appliances and TVs. Due to higher costs, thermal electricity is only connected to the



A power station under construction in Ngong. FILE

grid after that from cheaper power sources has already been dispatched to the grid.

Other independent power producers with thermal plants include Tsavo, Thika Power, Iberafrica and Rabai. State-owned Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) also has thermal plants generating 170MW.

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Uhuru says gender equity possible if more women vote

BY DOREEN WAINAINAH

President Uhuru Kenyatta has asked women to use their numbers and voting power to realise gender equity even as MPs push for a Bill advocating for gradual equalisation in representation.

"The Constitution imposes a duty on the State to use legislative and other measures, including affirmative action, to realise gender equality," said President Kenyatta during the opening of the Nairobi +30 conference.

Inclusion of women in the August House has been slow with MPs publicly clashing on the matter.

Female MPs are up in arms fighting a Bill pushing for the postponement of the implementation of the gender rule. The Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2015, seeks to provide for the progressive realisation of the affirmative action Articles in the Constitution, including the legislation to ensure not more than two-thirds of either gender is elected.

The President who also launched the two-thirds gender principle campaign to ensure gender equity said that women's representation in Parliament had risen from 9.9 to 25 per cent compared to previous terms.

"Women now hold major leadership positions right across this continent. That advance has been matched by unprecedented economic empowerment," said Mr Kenyatta.

A Commonwealth report shows that Kenya trails its neighbours in the share of women in Cabinet, parastatal directorships and top civil service jobs.

Teachers' pay award was against law, says TSC

BY SANDRA CHAO-BLASTO

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has said the judgment that increased tutors' pay by between 50 and 60 per cent cannot be implemented because it was unconstitutional.

The TSC had moved to the Supreme Court seeking to stay an order issued by the Court of Appeal to increase teachers' salaries.

A five-judge bench consisting of Chief Justice Willy Mutunga, his deputy Kalpana Rawal, Smokin wanjala, Ib-

rahim Warsame and Jackton Ojwang were listening to teachers and their employer in Nairobi yesterday.

Through Senior Counsel Fred Ngatia, the TSC argued that it had filed a constitutional petition before the Employment and Labour Relations Court when teachers went on strike at the beginning of the year but the matter was transformed into an economic dispute resolution.

"The judge ought to have considered the motion, granted or rejected it and referred any economic dispute

to the alternative dispute resolution. The Labour Court does not have power to set salaries. This is the first time in history that the High Court has set the salary of public servants," he said.

Mr Ngatia told the Supreme Court that if the TSC was forced to pay the teachers the new award while the case is being heard it would be impossible to reclaim the funds if the Court of Appeal overturns the earlier ruling.

The Salaries and Remuneration Commission's lawyer, Paul Nyamodi, argued that Justice Nduma Nderi

erred when he ruled that the TSC had no role to play in the economic dispute.

"The finding in itself is unconstitutional, SRC is a creation of the Constitution and the judgement therefore is unconstitutional. In granting a conditional stay by implication the Court of Appeal failed to do enough to defend the Constitution," he said

The Supreme Court will rule on whether teachers will receive the increased pay this month or not on Monday, August 24.



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Auditor-General Edward Ouko before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday. EVANS HABILI

Ouko wants MPs to punish officials for dodging audit

QUERIES Auditor-General faults State agencies that fail to account for expenditure within deadline

BY EDWIN MUTAI

Auditor General Edward Ouko wants Parliament to sanction accounting officers who fail to respond to audit queries or fail to submit account documents within statutory deadlines.

Dr Ouko accused accounting officers of playing “cat and mouse” with his officers thereby delaying time for presenting final report to Parliament.

He said he could not meet the constitutional deadline of December 31 of presenting report on 2014/15 financial year due to failure by ministries to adhere to set timelines.

Dr Ouko added that audited entities kept on revising their financial statements long after the statutory deadline had elapsed, negatively impacting on his timelines to report.

He made the remarks before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) when he presented his report on the 2013/14 audit which shows that ministries could not account for Sh67.7 billion.

“The PAC should reject justifications on audit queries done nine months after reports were due for presentation.

“The PAC should issue tough sanctions to stop accounting officers from playing cat and mouse with auditor”, said Dr Ouko

He said accounting entities, including ministries, should not be allowed by PAC to present reports that ought to have been produced during the audit cycle.

“They should do their work in the stated three months deadline

and submit reports for audit by the Auditor-General as required by the Constitution.

“Ministries or accounting entities have three months from the end of financial year to present their books to the auditor for audit.

“The auditor then has another three months to audit and report to Parliament,” Dr Ouko told PAC members.

Jackson Rop, PAC vice chairperson put accounting officers on notice saying those who fail to account for public money would be held to account.

“We caution accounting officers that public money must be accounted for at the closure of every financial year. They had three months to do their books and account. The auditor had three months to table his report. We now have three month to go through it with accounting officers and report to the House,” the Kipkelion West MP, who chaired yesterday meeting said.

He said it would not be business as usual this year because PAC was dealing with accounting officers who handled the current accounts.

“We will be very stern. Those who will not account for prudent use of public funds will have their budget reduced.

“Why should we give you more money when you are unable to account or utilise what Parliament gave you? We will interrogate the report and table our recommendations within next three months for House to decide,” he said.

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“The PAC should reject justifications on audit queries done nine months after reports were due for presentation

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Sh2.8bn Israeli-backed irrigation centre eyes youths

BY MATHIAS RINGA

Kenya will establish a college to train youths in irrigation, Water secretary Eugene Wamalwa has said.

The institution to be financed by Sh2.8 billion advanced by the Israeli government would help build a pool of professionals to run the country's irrigation activities, he said.

“There is a need for the country to have its own irrigation experts to provide manpower at the Galana-Kulalu project and other projects,” said Mr Wamalwa.

He said planting of maize and vegetables on the 10,000-acre model farm at the Galana-Kulalu irrigation



Water and Irrigation secretary Eugene Wamalwa at Galana. NEHEMIAH OKWEMBAH

scheme would begin in April after seed varieties planted on a 500-acre farm showed positive results.

Initially, 13 maize seed varieties were planted on the model farm on trial basis. Mr Wamalwa said the test of the seed varieties showed that maize irrigation at Galana-Kulalu was a vi-

able project.

He said out of the 13 seed varieties planted for trial, six had good yields while six others would be planted on another 500-acre parcel of land before the government selects the best three varieties for cultivation.

“I am glad to announce that some of the maize seed varieties which were planted at Galana-Kulalu have done well giving hope to the government's efforts to attain food security through irrigation.

“I will attend the first maize harvest here at Galana-Kulalu before the end of the month to prove the doubting Thomases of this irrigation project wrong,” he said.

Grand finale



Kisumu

Students of Mombasa's Mama Ngina Girls High School present a Taarab song during the finals of the 2015 Kenya National Music Festivals at Citam Amphitheatre yesterday. TONNY OMONDI

10,000-acre Galana model farm set for completion in March next year

BY GERALD ANDAE

An Israeli firm contracted to develop a 10,000-acre model farm at the Galana-Kulalu irrigation scheme will complete its work in March 2016, opening part of the one-million-acre scheme to farmers.

Green Arava chief executive officer Barak Tamir said work on the model farm was within schedule.

“We are progressing well and we expect to complete the model farm by next year March,” said Mr Tamir.

The firm won the Sh14 billion contract to develop the model farm to be used as a demonstration block for the entire scheme.

So far, only 500 acres is under maize which was planted in April this year. The project, part of the Jubilee government's economic blueprint, was supposed to be complete by 2017.

But the project has fallen behind schedule mainly because of limited

budgetary allocation from the government, which is also funding the scheme, and weather challenges that delayed planting.

Heavy rains in March, which coincided with the planting season, delayed its development as machines could not move on the slippery fields.

“This is an irrigation, not rain-fed, project, and as such, there was no need for us to plant when it was raining, hence the delays,” said Mr Tahir.

Israel ambassador to Kenya Yahel Villan said his government would continue to help Kenya acquire the best farming technology to boost yields and make Kenya a food secure country.

“We will partner with Kenya, offering the latest technology used in Israel to help the country to become food secure in the continent,” said Mr Villan.

The Israeli government has so far pledged to fund training of Kenyans on best irrigation practices to boost

food production.

The ambassador, speaking at a breakfast meeting with journalists yesterday, announced that his country will be hosting Israel-Kenya agribusiness forum from September 7-8.

Green Arava has procured milling equipment from South Africa which is expected in the country any time from now.

This comes at a time when the farm is preparing for the maiden harvest early next month from the 500 acres that have been planted.

Phase two of the project, which targets 200,000 acres, will commence as soon as the model farm is completed next year, while phase three is expected to put the entire acreage.

Galana, a Sh260 billion project, is a public-private partnership. The government is expected to provide infrastructure services and the private investors to plant crops and set up processing plants.

ECONOMY & POLITICS

EALA to debate Bill on regional electronic transactions next week

➤ **ICT** Proposed law goes through second reading as leaders of EAC partner states plan to deepen their economic ties

BY ALLAN ODHIAMBO

A Bill seeking to allow for seamless electronic transactions among EAC partner states enters a crucial phase next week when the regional Assembly resumes its sessions in Kampala.

The East African Community Electronic Transaction Bill 2014 will go through a second reading even as partner States target to deepen their economic ties through faster and safer ICT-based platforms.

“Top on the agenda during the two-week period are two key Bills which are expected to sail through the 2nd and 3rd readings respectively. These are the EAC Electronic Transaction Bill 2014, and the EAC Creative Industries Bill 2015,” the bloc’s secretariat said ahead of next week’s session of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (Eala).

The Electronic Transaction Bill 2014 targets to encourage electronic-based transactions as a more efficient mode of linking both the private sector and governments in the region.

Most government regulatory procedures are expected to go electronic.

“The Bill further wants to promote technology neutrality in applying legislation to electronic communications and



East Africa Legislative Assembly Speaker Dan Kidega. FILE

transactions and to develop a safe, secure and effective environment for the consumer, business and the governments of the partner States to conduct and use electronic transactions,” the EAC secretariat further said.

Eala has already undertaken a series of public hearings to source for stakeholders’s views on the Bill.

EAC countries are currently implementing a series of seamless systems, including a joint tax collection and cargo clearing system known as Single Customs Territory (SCT), to improve the flow of goods and reduce dumping.

Under the SCT deal, clearing agents within the EAC have been granted rights to relocate and carry out their duties in any

of the partner states as part of a strategy to improve the flow of goods and curb dumping.

Importers of commodities covered under the SCT are required to lodge import declaration forms in their home countries and pay relevant taxes to facilitate the export process.

Joining the scheme

The tax authorities in the respective countries then issue a road manifest against the import documents submitted electronically by the revenue authority of the importing country.

Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda were the first to take up the SCT arrangement starting April 1, 2014 with Tanzania joining the scheme two months later.

Several commodities including steel, edible oils, confectionery and milk are currently traded between Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda under the SCT platform.

Cement, cigarettes and neutral spirits were the first products to be handled under the SCT scheme. Kenya and Tanzania in June expanded the list of items traded between them under the SCT, raising hope for improved flow of goods and reduced dumping.

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Soft power call in the fight against terror

BY ERIC MATARA

A security experts has asked the government to change tack in the fight against petty crime and terrorism as perpetrators become more sophisticated.

Richard Tuta, a former police officer and a scholar in security matters said Kenya should adopt soft power, providing incentives to win the youth from radical groups.

“The government should focus on targeted interventions like giving financial incentives to youth to discourage them from extremism. It cannot fight terrorism with armed

police or military alone,” Mr Tuta told the *Business Daily* in Nakuru.

“Terrorist networks continue to flourish despite military response hence the need for us to change tactics since we are fighting an enemy that is opaque, vicious and resilient.”

For the soft power to succeed, said Mr Tuta, the government must provide alternative means of living to reformed youth once they abandon the deadly trade.


The campaign to counter violent ideologies propagated by terrorists however needs to

incorporate religious groups and the civil society.

“The state must empower a critical mass of influential voices to spread messages that encourage moderation, tolerance and dialogue among civilisations,” he said.

He called upon MPs to hasten passage of the Private Security Regulation Bill 2014 to allow private guards to carry guns after thorough training.

The Bill which is in parliament has gone through the second reading and is expected to go to the third reading and amendment by MPs.



MINISTRY OF WATER AND IRRIGATION
KENYA WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT

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INVITATION FOR BIDS- PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
MOTOR VEHICLES, MOTOR CYCLES AND BICYCLES

CONTRACT NO. MOWI/KWSCR-1/003/2015-2016

1. The **Government of Kenya** has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Motor Vehicles, Motor Cycles and Bicycles: Contract No. MOWI/KWSCR-1/003/2015-2016**.

2. The **Ministry of Water and Irrigation** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Motor Vehicles, Motor Cycles and Bicycles as follows:**

Lot No.	Description	Quantity
1.	DOUBLE CAB PICK UP, 4x4, LWB. 2400 -3000 cc DIESEL	6 No
2.	MEDIUM DUTY, UTILITY PASSENGER VEHICLE, 4x4, L.W.B., 1800 - 2000cc, PETROL	6 No.
3.	MOTOR CYCLE, TRAIL, 151 - 180cc	8 No.
4	UNISEX BICYCLE, 22 INCH (560MM), TOURING	80 No.

More details on the required specifications are contained in the bidding documents

3. Bidders may quote for any one lot, more than one lot or for all the lots. Each lot will be evaluated and awarded separately.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures but will in all respects comply with the World Bank’s Borrowers January 2011 (“Procurement Guidelines”), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the address below and inspect the bidding documents during office hours from 0900 to 1600 hours from Monday to Friday excluding lunch hour (1300 to 1400Hrs) and public holidays

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased and collected by interested eligible bidders at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kenya shillings 1,000.00** (one thousand shillings). Payments shall be made at **Cash Office, Ground Floor, Maji House, Ngong Road, Nairobi, Kenya**. Upon payment of the tender fee, bidders are required to obtain an official receipt from the cash office before collecting the documents at **Room 453/456, 4th Floor, Maji House, Nairobi, Kenya**. Bidders may also obtain the tender documents **free of charge** at the following link <http://supplier.treasury.go.ke/site/tenders.go/index.php/public/tenders>. Bidders who **download the bidding documents are required to notify the Purchaser by email procurement.kwscr@gmail.com with full contact details that they intended to participate, this will facilitate issuance of notifications by the Purchaser, to all bidders where necessary.** No arrangements have been made for other methods of delivery of bidding documents.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **16th September, 2015 at 1000 hours EAT**. The packages should be clearly marked **“Motor Vehicles, Motor Cycles and Bicycles: Contract No. MOWI/KWSCR-1/003/2015-2016”** and placed in the Tender Box located at **Ground Floor, Maji House, Ngong Road, Nairobi, Kenya**. Electronic bidding will NOT be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below on **16th September, 2015 at 10.00 hours EAT**.

8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security as follows:

Lot No.	Description	Currency	Amount
1.	DOUBLE CAB PICK UP, 4x4, LWB. 2400 - 3000 cc DIESEL,	KES	400,000
2.	MEDIUM DUTY, UTILITY PASSENGER VEHICLE, 4x4, L.W.B., 1800 - 2000cc, PETROL	KES	300,000
3.	MOTOR CYCLE, TRAIL, 151 - 180cc	N/A	N/A
4	UNISEX BICYCLE, 22 INCH (560MM), TOURING	N/A	N/A

9. The address referred to above is:

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CORPORATE NEWS

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Barclays profit hits Sh4.6bn on return of ATM charges

► **RESULTS** Lender's non-interest income up 12pc to Sh4.8bn as diversification boosts earnings

BY MUGAMBI MUTEGI

Barclays Bank of Kenya's re-introduction of ATM fees late last year boosted its non-interest income, helping to increase the lender's after-tax profit for the half-year to June by eight per cent to Sh4.6 billion.

The bank yesterday announced that its non-interest income in the period jumped 12 per cent to Sh4.8 billion.

Nearly a third of this growth came from ATM fees which Barclays reinstated in November, four years after scrapping them to attract customers.

"We were the only bank that was not charging ATM fees and after we interrogated whether this was giving us any advantage we decided to re-introduce them," said Barclays Kenya chief executive Jeremy Awori.

"Fees earned from our ATMs alongside that from the new diversified businesses such as bancassurance helped give us the upswing we needed in non-funded income."

The bank revealed that it was revamping its ATM network, indicating

that it would instal 100 "intelligent" machines in the next year at a cost of more than Sh300 million.

Transactional income from bancassurance, mortgage and asset financing also helped reverse the 5.1 per cent drop in earnings to Sh4.2 billion posted in half year to June 2014 compared to the same period in 2013.

Barclays launched bancassurance in April and revamped its mortgage unit and asset-financing businesses, including setting up dedicated centres for them in Nairobi's central business district and Industrial Area respectively.

The growth in non-interest income was also attributable to trading in derivatives and government securities.

"As at June, the mortgage application recorded was almost double what the bank recorded for the whole of 2014.

"Bancassurance, although in its nascence, is showing great promise," said Mr Awori.

The lender's net interest income grew four per cent to Sh10 billion



Barclays Bank Kenya chief Jeremy Awori during release of the lender's results in Nairobi yesterday. DIANA NGILA

while total assets grew 10 per cent to Sh235 billion.

Customer deposits grew by 10 per cent to Sh163 billion, costing the bank Sh1.9 billion in interest expense.

This amount was driven by an interest-paying savings account dubbed Zidisha Bonus which Barclays launched last year with a promotional return of up to 10 per cent on deposits.

The interest savers can earn has now come down to a "normalised" rate of up to eight per cent.

"Zidisha Bonus is an excellent product since it puts the customer in control of what they want to earn in interest," said chief finance officer Yusuf Omari.

Barclays' earnings were also boosted by a tax credit that partly accrued from the bank's sale of 61,000 shares it held in multinational card payments

provider VISA.

This Sh1 billion transaction did not attract capital gains tax despite Barclays having already provided for it when the transaction happened in July last year.

Barclays' earnings were, however, negatively impacted by a surge in costs as total operating expenses went up by 7.1 per cent to Sh8.4 billion compared to Sh7.84 billion posted the previous year.

Staff costs increased 15.8 per cent to Sh4.53 billion, with Mr Awori saying this was due to the senior employees recruited to oversee its SME, bancassurance, mortgage and asset finance portfolios.

The bank said it would pay out an interim dividend of 20 cents per share, amounting to a Sh1.08 billion payout to shareholders by October.

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60 graduate in Samsung's training plan for technicians

BY SIMON CIURI

Sixty students yesterday graduated from Samsung's East Africa Electronics Engineering Academy after taking a nine-month training in refrigeration and air conditioning equipment.

The training seeks to bridge technical skill gaps that are in demand by dealers and buyers of household electronic equipment. The inaugural Samsung training programme was launched in 2012.

"The trainees have received hands-on training for free with Samsung's equipment. Top-performing students will also get a chance to intern at Samsung Electronics and thereafter work as independent service technicians or employees within Samsung retail channels in their respective regions," said Robert Ngeru, Samsung Electronics East and Central Africa vice president.

Engineering skills

Two-hundred students have so far graduated from the academy since its inception.

"Not only is Africa facing a critical shortage of technical and engineering skills, its young people are also falling behind in physical sciences and engineering.

"Most Kenyan students cannot afford to travel abroad to gain these skills, hence Samsung Engineering Academy has brought this training closer home to bridge the skills gap that emanates from lack of resources to meet the industry standards," he added.

Samsung Electronics also runs similar academies in South Africa, Ethiopia and Nigeria as part of its broader plan to unveil 10,000 skilled electronics engineers across Africa.

The nine-month training course is made up of 20 per cent theory coursework, while the practical work covers 80 per cent.



Samsung's Robert Ngeru during the graduation at Serena Hotel in Nairobi yesterday. NJUGINGUGI

Senate team questions Naikuni's stint at KQ

BY DENNIS ODUNGA

A Senate committee investigating affairs at the loss-making Kenya Airways yesterday questioned the experience and qualifications of former chief executive Titus Naikuni who headed the national carrier for slightly more than a decade.

Kenya Airways reported a Sh25.7 billion net loss barely a year after Mr Naikuni's departure, weighed down by financing costs of a high debt load.

The loans were borrowed to fund the airline's rapid fleet modernisation that saw it buy about 10 aircraft within one year including Boeing Dreamliners.

The committee, which met the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) management yesterday, wondered whether Mr Naikuni was well suited for the position since he did not have prior experience in the aviation industry when he was appointed.

Committee chairman Anyang' Nyong'o (Kisumu, ODM) and Makueni Senator Mutula Kilonzo Jr said the Civil Aviation Act was clear that an accountable manager should have a background in managing commercial air transport.

KCAA director-general Gilbert Kibe and head of flight operations Raphael King'ori were hard-pressed to explain why they did not question Mr Naikuni's

suitability for the post. KCAA board chairman Samuel Poghiso also attended the committee hearing at Parliament Buildings in Nairobi.

Mr Kibe told the committee that Mr Naikuni had gained experience in aviation matters during his time as a member of the KQ board, before his appointment as the CEO.

"He was qualified. He was a member of the dream team when he was Transport permanent secretary. He...had knowledge in commercial operations," said Mr Kibe.

The senators dismissed claims that the Act was not in place when Mr Naikuni was appointed, with the committee maintaining that Kenya sub-

scribes to international aviation standards that emphasise competence.

"You can't think and neither can you estimate. You need to be certain. Prior to the current regulations, what (were) the qualifications for such an office holder? Mr Kilonzo asked.

Prof Nyong'o said matters touching on the law cannot be left at the discretion of some people, as such a move can lead to poor services.

"You veer from being right when you leave decisions to discretion," he said.

The committee is investigating affairs at the partially State-owned airline, which has applied for a State bailout.

CORPORATE NEWS

Court lifts Nestlé's Maggi noodles ban but orders safety tests

➤ **RULING** Swiss multinational told to provide random samples for testing before sales resume

A court in India has lifted a government ban on Nestlé's popular Maggi noodles, but ordered fresh tests before the product can go back on sale.

Nestlé had challenged the ban ordered by the country's food safety regulator in June after some tests found lead levels beyond statutory limits.

The Swiss food multinational has always said its products are safe.

Thursday's ruling came a day after India separately sued Nestlé for Sh10 billion (\$100 million) over "unfair trade practices".

The complaint against Nestlé is that it caused damage to consumers through misleading advertisements related to its Maggi noodles product.

On Thursday, the Bombay High Court called June's ban on the popular noodles "arbitrary" and said it violated the "principles of natural justice".

"We have examined the evidence in great detail. Since the petitioner Nestlé has already agreed not to

make and sell Maggi until the food authorities are satisfied, we see no reason to allow any relief to food authorities," Justice Vidyasagar Kanade was quoted as saying by the AFP news agency.

The court directed Nestlé to "send five samples from each batch of Maggi [noodles] for testing to three labs and only if the lead is found to be lower than permitted will they start manufacturing and selling again".

Send five samples from each batch of Maggi noodles for testing

JUSTICE VIDYASAGAR KANADE, BOMBAY HIGH COURT

Unsafe and hazardous

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) had earlier said that tests deemed the instant noodles to contain "unsafe and hazardous" amounts of lead.

Nestlé says its noodles are safe as seen in the results of tests conducted in other countries, including the US, Britain and Singapore.

Two Indian laboratories in the western state of Goa and the southern city of Mysore also recently cleared



An Indian street vendor prepares noodles for customers on the side of a road in Kolkata. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India had banned Nestlé from making and selling its popular Maggi noodles. AFP

the noodles, but the findings were dismissed by India's food safety authority, saying there were lapses in the tests.

Nestlé said in a statement on Wednesday that it had tested 2,700 samples of the noodles by several accredited laboratories in India and abroad, and each of these tests "have shown lead to be far below the per-

missible limits".

But the company, which has 80 per cent of India's instant noodles market, has already destroyed 400 million packets of Maggi products.

The instant noodles arrived in India in 1983 and can be found in corner shops across the country.

-BBC

Economists call for independent study on dominance

BY OKUTTAH MARK

The Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) has called on the government to conduct a comprehensive study on the telecommunications sector to determine market share controls and identify companies that are abusing their dominant position.

The IEA chief executive Kwame Owino said yesterday the study should be funded by the government to ensure that the final output is not influenced by interested parties and also win telcos' confidence.

Mr Owino said that although some of the regulations proposed by the Communications Commission of Kenya are reasonable, public consultation may not have been adequately addressed, sparking disagreements among operators and regulatory authorities.

"To get market confidence the government needs to conduct a study funded by itself," Mr Owino said yesterday during a public meeting organised by the institute to discuss market

dominance laws and regulations in the country.

Dennis Kabaara, an independent analyst, said during the forum held in Nairobi that regulations on dominance are not unique to Kenya's telecommunications sector, the same having been implemented in Nigeria and the DRC where MTN and Airtel were declared dominant respectively.

Level the playing field

He, however, said the issue should not be about targeting companies but ensuring that the regulations offer consumers better services and level the playing field.

"What we should be focusing on is looking at dominance and how it affects access to the market or how it affects market development," said Mr Kabaara.

"You should not chase after a company because you won't get it," he said. The call comes at a time when 10 sector regulations are being revised by CA and the Ministry of Information and Communication, key among them



Institute of Economic Affairs CEO Kwame Owino speaks during a public forum on regulations and dominant telcos at the Sarova Stanley Hotel yesterday. DIANANGILA

Fair Competition and Equality of Treatment clause. In the revised regulations the clause empowers the CA to declare any telco with a market share of over 50 per cent dominant.

This clause has split operators and the two regulators — CA and the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK).

Safaricom and CAK are opposed to the CA's recommendations to automatically declare any firm that has more than 50 per cent market share dominant while Airtel, on the other

hand, supports the sector regulator saying it will level the playing field. Previously, regulations in the telecommunications sector fixed the threshold for dominance at 25 per cent of the gross turnover of the entire telecoms market.

The Kenya Information and Communication (Amendment) Bill 2013 pushed the threshold for dominance to 50 per cent of the relevant gross market, putting it at par with the CA's threshold.

Diamond Trust Bank, CBA profits grow on increased lending

BY MUGAMBI MUTEGI

The Commercial Bank of Africa (CBA) and Diamond Trust Bank yesterday announced growth in their net profit for the six months to June on the back of significant earnings from their core lending business.

Top tier lender CBA reported a 50 per cent growth in net profit to Sh1.86 billion while its mid-sized peer Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) saw its after-tax earnings jump 10.5 per cent to Sh3.25 billion.

Both banks posted positive earnings from their core business, with CBA seeing its total interest earnings grow from Sh6.6 billion in June 2014 to Sh9.23 billion, a 40 per cent jump.

This revenue stream earned DTB and an extra Sh1.86 billion to Sh11.71 billion, with earnings from loans and advances (Sh9.6 billion) being the largest constituent of this amount, having grown by 15.7 per cent compared to June last year.

Interest expense

"DTB's balance sheet performance was impressive with loans and customer deposits growth of 34.8 per cent and 27.1 per cent respectively," analysts at Standard Investment Bank.

"Loan growth was above our forecasts and we expect to revise our estimates upwards."

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)-listed bank had by the end of June lent Sh162 billion to its customers while their deposits were Sh173.3 billion, with the latter attracting an interest expense of Sh4.5 billion.

DTB's total assets stood at Sh234 billion while its total liabilities increased by Sh46 million to close the period at Sh199.6 billion.

"In line with the practice adopted in recent years, the directors do not propose the payment of an interim dividend," the lender said in a statement sent to the NSE.

CBA's loans and advances in the six months to June grew from Sh86.4 billion to Sh107.31 billion, a 24.2 per cent jump which strongly boosted the lender's interest income.

Its total assets stood at Sh203.5 billion (having grown by Sh39.5 billion) while total liabilities increased by Sh36 billion to 184.3 billion.



A customer is attended to at a DTB branch. FILE

COUNTY BUSINESS

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CDF bursary scholars move closer to flying dreams

EDUCATION Mathioya constituency blazes new funding trail away from infrastructure projects such as cattle dips and footbridges

BY EDWIN MUTAI

MURANG'A

When MPs were sinking billions of shillings from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) into projects such as cattle dips and footbridges, one constituency chose to train pilots.

Mathioya, in Murang'a County, is the first and only constituency to have spent CDF cash in this way.

Eight students sponsored by the kitty graduated last Friday with the Private Pilot Licence (PPL), the first step in becoming commercial pilots.

The students, selected by a locational bursary committee and examined by an independent body of pilots, were awarded the licences by the Directorate of Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) when they graduated at the Kenya School of Flying (KSF) at Orly Airpark in Ololookitosh, Kajiado County.

The four girls and four boys will attain the Commercial Pilots Licence (CPL) in the next six months.

The constituency spent Sh6.5 million to train each of the eight, which is way below the Sh11 million that South African aviation schools charge to train one Kenyan pilot for a PPL licence.

The students' training cumulatively cost the constituency Sh52 million.

"The team that visited Mathioya to recruit the students short-listed the number from 150 to 54, who then undertook an aptitude test.

"When we brought them here to test-fly we reduced the number to 24 and eventually recruited the eight who are now graduating," said KSF student coordinator Lena Sultan.

Captain Joseph Ririani, the KSF managing director, confirmed the account.

Two of the fresh pilots, Henry Kamotho and Catherine Wambaire — both graduates of the University of Nairobi — expressed confidence that they would complete the training, fly for three months and sit for the commercial pilot licence by next February. "I started flying in 2014 and the selection process was rigorous. I am keen on becoming an instructor after training,"



Catherine Wambaire (left) and Henry Kamotho (right) with five other students who received the Private Pilot Licence from the Kenya School of Flying at Orly Airpark in Kajiado last week. The students were sponsored by the Mathioya CDF. COURTESY

said Mr Kamotho, a bachelor of Economic and Statistics graduate.

Ms Wambaire, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology, said she intends to become a captain and fly the Emirates airlines.

"The Kenya School of Flying is our first point of call. I am targeting local airlines like Mombasa Air but my biggest goal is to fly the Emirates as a commercial pilot," Ms Wambaire said.

KFS chief pilot Rashma Shah called for more training of pilots saying the industry lacks instructors and engineers, among other professionals.

"This is our story, a story that will positively impact the future of this country, the region and the world. It's a story of overcoming insurmountable odds.

"I call on aviation training institutions and community to support this kind of training and lower the cost to about Sh3 million," said Mathioya MP Clement Wambugu.

KCAA director-general Gilbert Kibe, chairman Samuel Poghiso, CDF board chairman Elias Mbau, CDF chief executive Yusuf Mbuno, and National Assembly Select Committee on CDF member Moses Lesonnet described the investment on training the pilots as "a first in Kenya." "He (Mr Wambugu) has been



Doris Wamaitha (left) receives her Private Pilot Licence from Gilbert Kibe, the director-general Kenya Civil Aviation Authority at the Kenya School of Flying in Kajiado County last week. Looking on is Mathioya MP Clement Wambugu. COURTESY

consistent, insistent and persistent in pestering the CDF committee and the board for a very long time. When we finally succumbed to his pressure we couldn't believe that CDF money could have returns in training pilots," Mr Lesonnet said.

He said that it took a lot of lobbying and negotiations by the Mr Wambugu for the board and the CDF committee to accept that cash from the kitty could be spent on financing the training of pilots.

Mr Lesonnet said the CDF will stop funding infrastructure projects such as roads, health centres and water projects which have been devolved.

Critical gap

Mr Kibe said the training of the eight pilots comes at a time when the industry is facing a "critical gap" in Kenya and the world.

He said the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) had recognised the anticipated shortage of skilled aviation professionals.

ICAO, he added, had launched a programme dubbed the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) which is meant to ensure that enough qualified and competent aviation professionals are available to operate, manage and maintain the air transport system.

"This is critical since a large contingent of the current generation of aviation professionals will retire, coupled with the fact that access to affordable training is constrained and aviation competes with other industries for highly qualified professionals," he said. KCAA said that airlines will have to add 25,000 new aircraft to the current 17,000 to meet rising demand in the next 20 years. "For instance, by

2026 we will need 480,000 new technicians to maintain these aircraft and over 350,000 pilots to fly them.

"This situation is experienced throughout the world, Kenya included," Mr Kibe said.

He congratulated the Mathioya Constituency leadership for being visionary, adding that KCAA will support the eight pilots in keeping with ICAO principles.

"You are not only responding to Mathioya Constituency and addressing ICAO concerns but also making our country an aviation powerhouse," he said. Mr Mbau urged other MPs to come up with innovative programmes in the wake of the transformation of the CDF from a purely infrastructure development kitty to one that caters for other ventures.

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COUNTY BUSINESS

Nakuru health staff strike hits patients on its fourth day

DISPUTE Medical workers' union says boycott to continue until county government effects perks deal

BY BENARD OGEMBO

NAKURU

Nakuru's health workers' strike has entered its fourth day with union officials remaining adamant that their members will not resume duty until their demands are met.

Kenya Medical Practitioners Pharmacists and Dentist Union national chairman Samuel Oroko said the strike would continue until all pending allowances have been effected as agreed upon during tripartite talks.

However, Nakuru deputy governor Joseph Ruto urged the health workers to resume duty and said all promotions would take effect by September 1, with payments staggered in three phases.

"We regret issue of allowances that were removed from the payroll. But it was reinstated, and I want to admit it was human error," said Mr Ruto.

He said if the workers fail to resume, the county would ask the Ministry of Labour to intervene.

The Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital was still deserted yesterday, although few patients sought treatment at the facility, but were referred to private hospitals. Most of the patients told the *Business Daily* they could not afford services private health facilities offer.

Striking workers gathered at the hospital for briefing by union officials on the progress of their talks with the county government.

Derrick Kipsang, whose ailing wife is admitted to the hospital, said: "I know I cannot afford any private hospital and that is why I brought my expectant wife here but I was told she could not be operated on because doctors were on strike."

However, medical superintendent John Murima declined to comment on reports that patients had died at the facility due to the strike, saying only critically ill patients were being attended to.

We regret issue of allowances that were removed from the payroll

JOSEPH RUTO, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, NAKURU

A police officer had to be transferred to Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital Eldoret by his colleagues after staying at the facility for more than a week unattended to.

Patrick Murinya, a police constable based in Timboroa, had been

admitted to the hospital with fractured femur after gangsters shot him while on duty.

His wife said they were forced transfer him to the Eldoret-based hospital because there were no medical staff to attend to him.

A security officer at the facility, who did not wish to be named, said a patient collapsed and died at the hospital while awaiting treatment, but there was no doctor to attend to the patient.

A number of patients who had been booked for appointments at the hospital were transferred by their families and friends to private hospitals, while other went back home.

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Western MPs snub Uhuru call for talks on sugar

BY EDWIN MUTAI AND GEORGE OMONDI

NAIROBI

Western Kenya MPs yesterday snubbed President Uhuru Kenyatta's invitation to discuss a plan to open up borders for Ugandan sugar.

The MPs who were scheduled to meet the President in morning yesterday maintained they would only attend the State House meeting after being furnished with full details of a deal purportedly struck in Uganda during Mr Kenyatta's recent visit.

Under the deal, Kenya will hand issue licences to Ugandan traders to export sugar to Kenya.



President Uhuru Kenyatta (centre) and Deputy President William Ruto tour Mumias Sugar factory recently. FILE

"We have decided to decline State House invitation that would have taken place from 8am because we have no details of the deal," Sakwa Bunyasi, the caucus chairman said.

The 11 MPs also demanded the inclusion of MPs from Nyanza and Coast region where sugar is grown.

Kenya which produces about 590,000 tonnes annually consumes around 800,000 tonnes. Kenyans import up to 200,000 tonnes of sugar to bridge the deficit from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa member states under special licences issued by Sugar Directorate.

The country's supply of the commodity may be worse off this year after the largest miller – Mumias Sugar – stumbled in the first half of the year, prompting a government bailout.

President Kenyatta has defended the deal saying it smacks of good neighbourliness to import from Uganda – Kenya's top export destination – than other markets such as Brazil.

Middle East employment agency calls for guidelines to stop torture of workers

BY WINNIE ATIENO

NAIROBI

A recruiting agency has asked the government to set up guidelines for Kenyans seeking job in Middle East countries to avert cases of mistreatment, harassment and torture.

The general manager of Afro Gulf General Agency, Hussein Adnan wants Kenya to employ labour attaches in Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to secure the lives of around 150,000 Kenyans working in Gulf countries.

Afro Gulf General is a Kenya-based recruiting agency dealing with professionals in information technology, hospitality, retail, engineering, construction, pharmacy and security. It has hired a group of 500 youth from as far as Marsabit, Wajir, Thika, Kisumu and Garissa who are expected to depart for the Middle East jobs in three weeks. Among the new recruits are about five ex-army and police officers.

"In the US, Kenya is represented by tourism a attaché based in New York why not Kenyans in Arab countries?"



Afro Gulf General Manager Hussein Adnan (right) with some of the 500 youth heading to the Middle East to work. WACHIRA MWANGI

We have requested for labour attaches in the Arab countries, who will solve Kenyans problems in those countries," he said. The salaries for the new group range from Sh30,000 to Sh100,000 based on qualifications with free food and accommodation.

"They must have certificates of good conduct from the police, they should go through a full and thorough medical examination, an online intelligence quotient interview with the employer before they sign a contract. We are dealing with professionals," he added.

Mr Adnan also asked the government to form a web portal where all information of all Kenyans working in the Middle East countries including names, age, recruiting agency employer and their contacts can be kept to help in case of a distress call.

Mr Adnan said the recruits are going to work for a 42 years old company known as Industrial Equ and Services (IESCO) which deals with safety products, fasteners, warehousing, construction equipment, generators, lights and portable toilets.

Scientists seek mapping of 'Mathenge' in Turkana for industrial use

BY SAMMY LUTTA

TURKANA

Scientists have called for mapping of a highly invasive prosopis juliflora, a shrub locally known as Mathenge, to enable the Turkana County plan for its economic exploitation.

Scientists from Kenya Forestry Research Institute, National Drought Management Authority, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute said during a meeting in Lodwar that Mathenge remains underutilised both at

household and commercial level.

The government introduced the plant in northern Kenya in 1970s to mitigate effects of drought and improve livelihoods in the dry lands. Turkana relies on the resilient plant as fodder.

Kefri deputy director in charge of biodiversity and environmental management Gabriel Muturi said they would conduct a detailed research on prosopis pod production once the mapping is concluded.

Dr Muturi said the research findings would help attract investors on



Mathenge plant in Baringo. JARED NYATAYA

a public private partnership model to produce feeds to sold across the country.

A Turkana-based Kefri research scientist Jesse Owino said the only Mathenge pods miller at Lokangae village established in 2013 was sustaining livestock for 100 households.

The Sh1.2 million miller has capacity to crush prosopis pods into flour that is used as nutritious animals feed for malnourished livestock. The miller produces six 90-kg bags of flour a day enough for 15 cattle.

"Livestock being the major source of livelihood for the nomadic community, Lokangae villagers said the project has seen their livestock remaining healthy

animals as the flour acts as a supplement for the normal feeds," said Mr Owino.

National Drought Management Authority official Emmanuel Kisan-gau said the agency has an allocation for buying subsistence feeds during drought.

"Capacity building for the herders to form groups that can exploit the Mathenge milling opportunity is vital as the feeds can be bought by either county or national government to supply to areas with weak animals," said Mr Kisan-gau.

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Intel driving Kenya's computing innovation

Global leader in computing innovation Intel is working to ensure Kenya has the latest and affordable PCs, tablets and phones. It is also investing in local software developers, transforming education through technology and investing in a digital literacy programme aimed at connecting women and girls to opportunities through technology.

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» **DEVOLUTION** Duplication in governance and projects by two levels of governments is wasteful

Time to transform counties into hubs of wealth creation



NDUNG'U WAINAINA

My take away message from US President Barack Obama speeches while in Kenya — an effective and well-governed country is critical to a peaceful and secure environment and protecting human rights, encouraging transparent and accountable public management and private sector growth delivering essential services and allowing resources to be used effectively.

The devolved system of governance and development that Kenya constitutionally adopted has been rolling out over the past two years. It has recorded significant achievements in increased levels of participation, social inclusion and accountability. In addition to governance accountability and proper planning questions, financial sufficiency and long-term sustainability remain a deep concern.

Devolution is now the new frontier of bringing major changes in democratic governance, addressing inequalities and equal access to opportunities and delivering quality services, and guaranteeing durable peace and security in Kenya. Counties, on the other hand, are the wealth and job creation factories for the country.

It has been two years into the devolved system of governance but we are still seeing a duplication of governance and development processes between the two levels of government leading to wastage of public resources.

The national government is sustaining costly, wasteful and duplication of parallel government systems which is inconsistent with the Constitution and sovereign will of the people. It is a subtle strategy of weakening devolved governance.

The national government's ministries and State corporations and provincial administration are as intact as they were before the Constitution. Rather than dismantling the old order, the national government

is strengthening it. The County governments are far from consolidating prerequisite institutions, systems and processes necessary to effectively deliver their mandate

Overall, county governance has gained significant attraction and support despite the fact that national government has continued to retain the lion's share of the national revenue. The ability for Kenyans to reap benefits of restoration of pluralism and enactment of a new constitutional order is dependent on actualising the core promise of the Constitution — devolution.

However, the single largest economic and financial risk which devolution portends is failure of the national government to rationalise and downsize consistent with the Constitution to respect and accord with devolved system of governance.

Counties exercise sovereign will of the people. They must have strong internal institutions, systems and processes to deliver services to the people. National government is consistently hindering and undermining the functionality of the county governments. It is holding billions of shillings for the functions and personnel devolved to counties.

National government is deliberately setting up county governments against people and county workers by withholding these funds. It is delaying the costing of functions so as to keep funds at national level while depicting the county governments as failing.

While counties have formal responsibilities over major categories of spending and accounting for huge crucial sectors of the economy spending, including basic services like health, agriculture and roads, they have fewer powers to raise their own revenue.

County governments need significant capacity and powers to raise their own revenue in a bid to enhance financial sufficiency, strengthen fiscal responsibility and compensate the well-developed counties that stand to lose from a more equalisation-based system



Patients at the Nakuru Provincial General Hospital after health workers went on strike on Wednesday. Shortage of funds is hurting service delivery. SULEIMAN MBATIAH

of resource sharing transfers.

The current revenue and taxation policy is fiscally unbalanced. The national government continues to determine fiscal and taxation policy with very limited participation of the county governments.

The national tax revenue available for equitable sharing between the two spheres of the government is significantly retained by the national government

The implementation of the devolved fiscal policies for the delivery of quality public services is yet to give the desired efficiency and effective delivery.

This is informed by two factors.

First, the national government is still controlling the largest segment of the national budget through State departments even in situations where the functions have largely been devolved. Secondly, the taxation and fiscal policy is still favourable to the national government.

A rigorous well-structured multi-stakeholder dialogue needs to happen on the appropriate system of intergovernmental relations on revenue sharing and taxation policy as there are

still major shortcomings in the current devolved fiscal policy system and key reforms urgently needed.

Increased own-revenue generating capacities could be achieved for instance, by allowing counties to levy, with limits, a surcharge on the fast-growing personal income tax, or by shifting to them the power to levy some domestic excises.

In addition, giving counties the freedom to set their own rates and improving the property valuation methods could also boost the counties' source of revenue and especially for the more urban and prosperous counties.

Allowing counties to raise their own revenues offers them a valuable degree of freedom that allows them to implement programmes of their own choice and size. This is an important step of realising sustainable devolution financial autonomy.

International experience suggests that greater levels of revenue autonomy tend to bring significantly higher benefits than costs.

The system of concurrent powers between the two spheres of government gives rise to duplication, wastage of resources and the avoidance of responsibility for delivery outcomes. *Writer is executive director, International Center for Policy and Conflict. Email: nwainaina@icpcafrica.org*



Other Voices



Gamal Abdel Nasser
Late Egyptian President



Hassan Hassan (Chatham)

The nuclear deal may lead Iran away from sectarian politicking and back to a broader approach to building influence in its region. Suggestions that Iran might be shifting its policy come amid growing voices calling for an Arab alliance with Tehran after the nuclear deal last month. Mohammed Hassanain Haykal, a prominent Egyptian journalist and former adviser to the late Gamal Abdel Nasser, claimed recently that Cairo was seeking rapprochement with Iran.



Xi Jinping
Chinese President



Wade Shepard (Reuters)

For all the noise in the international media about China's stock crisis, remarkably little of this volatility can be observed on the ground. The stock market in China is no place for amateurs. Many of the people who lost big in the recent stock volatility were among the tens of millions of new and inexperienced traders who were blown in on the winds of hype, not really the segment of the society that provides the core of China's equity investment.



David Cameron
British Prime Minister



Owen Jones (Guardian)

There is little sympathy for the refugees languishing in inhumane conditions in Calais, either from the mainstream press or much of British public opinion. "MIGRANT RUNS 30 MILES THROUGH CHANNEL," booms the *Express*, referring to a Sudanese refugee who almost made it through the entire Channel tunnel. Even among progressive-minded people, there are reservations about those who have fled horrifying circumstances in Syria, Eritrea, Darfur, Afghanistan and other countries terrorised by war or dictatorship.

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Open debate on GMOs to minimise public resistance

The charged debate over whether Kenya should allow the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) is a clear indication that there is a lot of money and strong vested interests in the matter.

A big part of the debate is informed by ignorance. Yet a majority genuinely distrust the government on the matter. There is a feeling that the decisions of State officials with power to lift the current ban on GMOs could be easily influenced by global corporates through under-the-table inducements.

The fact is that GMO is big business, and there are companies with annual turnovers more than the size of Kenya's GDP that are itching to get a foothold in emerging and frontier markets.

The potential influence of their huge coffers cannot be ruled out in the on-and-off debate about whether to legalise GMOs in Kenya.

Any company that has a head start will for example earn billions of shillings supplying the GMO seeds and technology for many years to come.

What does not help matters, however, is the fact that the government's communications machinery does not see it necessary to put the contentious issues on the table for an open debate.

Instead, bureaucrats lock themselves up in rooms in the name of conducting studies, only to emerge

like they did on Wednesday and declare that GMOs are safe will be legalised in the country.

The current ban was put in place in 2012 by a task force formed by the then Public Health minister Beth Mugo. The taskforce ruled that GM foods were not safe for consumption, basing the decision on earlier studies that linked the crops to cancerous tumours in rats. But a global scientific journal retracted an article it had published earlier that linked genetically modified food to cancer, but the damage and confusion had already been done.

In a Kenya that is increasingly becoming paranoid of growing cases of cancer, it will take more than just a single press conference to convince the masses that GMO technology, especially when used on food, is safe.

Even the developed world is divided on this one, with some powerful countries such as the US allowing its use and others mainly in Europe rejecting it.

With use of GMOs still in its nascent stages, Kenya should perhaps not be in a rush to legalise its use especially on food products.

It would be more prudent to wait until enough body of evidence is gathered to prove its safety.

But a good starting point could be to allow use of GMOs for non-food products such as cotton and the like, which may not pose immediate danger to consumers' health.

Don't harass city residents

Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero probably deserves more credit than he gets for the passion he brings to his city beautification programme.

Indeed upgrading the aesthetic quality of life is central to any effort to restore Nairobi's 'city in the sun' status or develop it into a world-class city. The comical bungling of the programme in the run-up to US president Barack Obama's visit late last month, which sparked the #KideroGrass twitter storm, aside, one can find little else wrong.

On Wednesday, the governor underlined the seriousness with which he treats his pet project by unveiling an environmental police force to enforce the relevant by-laws.

The 50-strong Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement team will, among other things, arrest pedestrians found stepping on grass and flower beds or littering, with an offender risking a Sh2,000 fine.

But for the programme to succeed, Mr Kidero will also have to address the credible fears that the team might turn out to be yet another brutal extortionist ring portending pain and misery for city residents.

Such fears have been entrenched by the behaviour of the thuggish city askaris and the failure by the city authorities to rein them in.

If Mr Kidero expects the public to co-operate with his environmental police, he needs to give an assurance about its professionalism.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION



"My wife told me to go home today with something that will make her look beautiful... So I'm going home with lots of wine."

Why cheap sugar will always get into Kenya

JAINDI KISERO
CONTROVERSY

I have not seen the details of the agreement detailing the concessions which President Uhuru Kenyatta signed away while in Kampala last week.

But what I know for sure is that even if he had wanted to offer the Ugandans the most generous of concessions on sugar imports, his hands were tied.

I think we are not asking the right questions on this raging controversy.

The first point to note is that under the Customs Union of the East African Community, sugar from Uganda enjoys full duty-free access into Kenya.

The problem, however, is that Kenya has been employing non-tariff barriers to regulate the flow of Ugandan sugar into the country.

The main non-tariff barrier employed by Kenya has been import licenses issued by the Sugar Directorate — formerly the Kenya Sugar Board.

But the point must be stressed that the purpose of the import licenses is neither to protect our sugar factories in western Kenya nor to prevent imports from Uganda.

You can't stop the imports from Uganda nor impose tariffs on sugar coming from any other fellow member state of the East African Customs Union.

What licensing authorities have been doing is to frustrate importers mainly by delaying and postponing

issuances of permits and licences.

Mark you, first you have to be registered as an importer of sugar. In the past, getting registration was not easy. These days, it is not difficult and the procedure of registration is fairly transparent.

This explains why the list of registered importers is very long.

However, being on the list does not automatically qualify you for a license. You get a license only after you have produced documents showing that you have contracted a supplier and have the capacity to pay for the sugar you want to import.

Sugar import licenses are consignment-specific. Once you bring in a shipment, that specific license expires.

Did President Kenyatta promise the Ugandans that he'd abolish the licensing regime? I can't tell. But I still don't see what the problem is because our licensing regime for sugar imports is manifestly illegal under the rules of the Customs Union.

There is yet another poignant issue which has not been adequately articulated.

Who imports Ugandan sugar into Kenya? Who makes the big bucks from this lucrative business?

If you checked, you will find that this business is dominated by a clique of sugar barons operating out of Nairobi and Mombasa.

Indeed, the business is tightly controlled by a tiny elite of Kenyan merchants who operate in nearly all segments of the business, doubling

as importers, distributors of local sugar, transporters, and owners of giant warehouses.

The point, therefore, is this: as long as the ex-factory price by Ugandan millers remains much cheaper than what the millers in Kenya are charging, Ugandan sugar imports will keep flowing even if you put military tanks along the entire border between the two countries.

Secondly, as long as domestic sugar prices in Kenya continue to be higher than prices in Kampala, Kigali, Dar es Salam and Bujumbura, the imports from Uganda will not stop. This notwithstanding the agreements signed by presidents Kenyatta and Yoweri Museveni.

The East African Council of Ministers are part of the problem. The practice of giving countries temporary waivers allowing them to import specified quantities outside the common external tariff, has opened loopholes for the region's sugar barons to bring in duty-free sugar and then export it to neighbouring countries — thus reaping huge margins.

Why can't we create a rule saying that countries given waivers to import outside the common external tariff must be obliged to buy only from countries with surpluses within the region?

Many of our people believe that sugar imports from Uganda are imported from Brazil under waivers granted by the council of ministers.

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Debt relief not answer for Greece

While Greece's public debt is undeniably high, and evidence abounds that high debt can hold back economic growth, the country faces even stronger drags on growth, including structural weaknesses and political brinkmanship, that must be addressed first. Greece will likely depend on concessional funding from official sources in the years ahead. But also debt relief is not the answer because of the political architecture of the union.

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Russia's Putin and his nine lives

President Vladimir Putin's political survival skills are just about feline; they say cats have nine lives. Well, the Russian president manages to maintain a stable and high approval rating, no matter what is going on around him; he is not affected by the sinking of the Kursk submarine, the fall of the ruble, terrorist bombings of Domodedovo Airport, or even his divorce. It's not immediately obvious, but his ties to the past are solid and multi-layered.

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Iraqi PMs political challenge

Iraq's politicians are known for settling disputes violently, injecting ancient grievances into modern-day disputes and putting off tough choices. They are not known for reaching consensus. That makes the widespread support for Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's plan to overhaul the country's government extraordinary and somewhat bewildering. But the challenge of political reform is daunting with the Islamic State in control of large territories.

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Yuan devaluation raises currency war anxiety

ANDY MUKHERJEE
DEPRECIATION

The anxiety level about a fresh round of worldwide currency skirmishes just went up by a notch. The trigger this time is a surprise, near-two per cent devaluation of the Chinese yuan against the US dollar.

The People's Bank of China downplayed the move as a "one-time correction" and a shift to make the currency's value more sensitive to supply and demand. But the mainland's deflating economy raises the risk of a more sustained campaign of yuan

debasement, followed by tit-for-tat moves by other countries.

As a one-off, the 1.8 per cent depreciation in the PBOC's daily fixing rate against the US dollar will do very little to boost the competitiveness of Chinese-made goods – or put exporters in other countries at peril.

Still, the unexpected move has considerable shock value. Asian currencies like the Korean won and the Singapore dollar turned sharply lower after the announcement. Traders' fears may be exaggerated, but they are hardly irrational. So far, the consensus has been that China would not devalue its currency to revive its

struggling economy. That's partly because authorities are reluctant to raise debt-servicing costs for mainland borrowers who owe almost \$963 billion to banks offshore, and don't want to exacerbate capital outflows from the nation's nervy stock markets. Besides, China wants to promote domestic consumption and discourage investment in commodities businesses like steel, which are plagued by overcapacity. Beijing is also keen for the International Monetary Fund to include the yuan in its quasi-currency at the end of this year. An unruly depreciation could hurt all these goals.

The last reading for GDP growth in the People's Republic was a still-respectable seven per cent. However, data released over the weekend showed a huge slump in China's July exports and continued weakness in producer prices. It looks increasingly likely that the Chinese authorities would not mind if market forces squeezed the yuan of some of its unbearable strength. If that preference for a weaker currency became a more sustained campaign of devaluation, the rest of the world may have no choice but to respond in kind.

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Safaricom not dominant, but let it open up M-Pesa service

TONY WAITIMA
COMPETITION

“Being dominant is not a crime,” was Safaricom CEO Bob Collymore's response to the proposed laws that seek to level the playing field of mobile service providers.

The proposal is premised on the analysis that Safaricom is a *de facto* monopoly, probably due to government being a shareholder. But fact of the matter is that its dominance is market rewarded.

In Kenya, currently, there exists no monopoly in the mobile network spectrum. Safaricom leads with a market share of 67.4pc, followed by Airtel with 22.6pc and Telkom Kenya 22.6pc after Essar's exit.

So labelling Safaricom as a monopoly in the economic sense is wrong.

It has exerted monopolistic practices in the market in the past, especially during the number porting exercise. The state's regulatory framework should be to level the playing field through lowering barriers of entry and preventing a single company from locking customers into their product line.

But stifling the dominant player, as government intends to, through introducing a market domination cap of not more than 50pc market share to tilt the ground in favour of competitors is going against the same spirit of competition and killing the innovation culture in the industry.

In the same spirit of competition, it is time we open up the M-Pesa platform.

Currently, the rate of transactions flowing through the mobile money system is estimated to be close to 40pc of the country's GDP. Last year, Sh4.2 trillion was transacted on mobile money platforms with M-Pesa accounting for more than 95pc of these transactions, making it a *de facto* monopoly.

Since the 1980s, it has become both technologically and commercially possible to separate infrastructure networks from services provision and, as a consequence, to introduce competition.

It will be prudent to declare M-Pesa a common carrier – meaning the owner of infrastructure can provide services on a non-discriminatory basis by treating a competitor using its infrastructure just as it treats a customer. A clear example is how Airtel has opened up its infrastructure for Equitel and Zion Cell to rival its mobile money product.

Safaricom should open up its M-Pesa platform – at a fee – to rival players who wish to run independent mobile money systems.

This interoperability will not only be beneficial to the economy by maturing mobile money platforms through removing barriers to infrastructure investment, but also improve Safaricom's bottomline.

It will also lead to establishment of an institutional framework that monitors financial flows, and governs standards, quality control as well as privacy in the sub-sector.

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Letters

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Supremacy battles over engineering courses hurt economy

The problem of recognition of some engineering degrees offered by certain universities has refused to go away.

Studies at the Technical University of Kenya resumed two weeks ago following unrest over the same. Administrations of Masinde Muliro and Dedan Kimathi universities, too, have ensured that the subject remains in the public domain with paid advertisements in the daily newspapers on the status of accreditation of their engineering courses.

Just how long the supremacy battle between Commission for University Education (CUE) and Engineers Registration Board (ERB) should be allowed to rage on must worry every Kenyan concerned about the status of our education and the vulnerability of idle youth to radicalisation by extremist groups.

The statistics paint a grim picture as every year a large number of graduates are ushered into a job market where employment opportunities are slim. In 2014, for instance, of the 483,630 candidates who sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination, 149,717 obtained C plus and above.

However, the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Services announced that the combined vacancies in all public universities are a paltry 67,790. That leaves about 81,927 qualified students to seek alternative education in private universities or take a road trip to Uganda.

Meanwhile, 326,780 students who scored C down to D minus, and who qualify for technical training, can only fight for the available 41,550 places in technical and voca-



Anti-riot police disperse students of Technical University who were protesting exclusion from a list of institutions accredited to offer engineering programmes last month. FILE

tional training institutes across the country. However, statistics from Technical and Vocation Training Authority indicate that only about 11,523 students sought admission to these middle-level institutions, perhaps haunted by the “no degree stigma” and the quixotic dreams of a white-collar job.

That means that, as CUE and ERB continue their battle for prestige and bragging rights, there are nearly 404,317 Form Four leavers out there not sure what to do with their lives.

These young individuals – referred to as “Not in Education, Employment or Training” – are perfect fodder for Al-Shabaab recruiters. And these are only secondary school graduates. The figure could easily hit one million if primary school graduates and dropouts are considered.

I have been ruminating over what legitimacy the ERB has over

universities in the determination of content of engineering theory as taught by these institutions. Granted theirs is a legal mandate to regulate the practice by graduate professionals and perhaps offer training input. But to claim a higher rung in the ladder of status is to draw a bead on the old debate on the split between research and practice, which reeks more of political merchandise.

Thorsten Veblen, in as early as 1916, in *The Higher Learning in America* had already vouched for a system of division of labour in which the professions are to give their practical problems to the universities. In return, the universities, as a unique source of research, were to give back any new scientific knowledge that these professions would test and apply. This is a symbiotic relationship that feeds into each other like the double strands of the DNA.

The presumption of hierarchy in this kind of mandate is a fallacy that inevitably leads to ego wars as currently being witnessed between ERB and CUE.

There is no evidence that ERB has established its own “epistemology of practice” that has successfully tamed the uncertainty, complexity, uniqueness and value conflict that characterise professional practice enough for them to cast doubt on the positivist curriculum typical of universities.

For now, the education system is at a crossroads, with many employers complaining of great skills deficiency among graduates, and such turf wars can only result in a pyrrhic victory. Both CUE and ERB must define a broader social objective and muster national commitment to improve technical education in Kenya.

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International departure area at Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. The right investment in infrastructure at the airport coupled with proper and innovative Kenya Airways management can easily turn the international gateway and the country into an aviation and business hub. FILE

How KQ and the State can drive economic growth

► **PLAN** When a government supports its airports, then aviation and other businesses at these terminals will thrive

BY LIZ MBURU

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to Dubai, using their Emirates airline. Having used many airlines over time, I found that Emirates goes out of its way to give its clients a lasting experience. Starting with their great in-flight service, the airline affords the traveller friendly, professional and helpful attendants. Coupled with their infotainment, the flight experience is world class.

The Emirates has perfected the art of perfect price discrimination strategy with their friendly “zones” where passengers sit, according to their innovative pricing structures. With a zoning category of “A” all the way to “F”, the first and second categories having distinguishing features such as a “welcome on board champagne”, it is easy to notice that this client segmentation ingenuity has filtered its way to the layout and design of their planes, to integrate with every zone, (category).

On the day that we boarded the plane, long queues were evident in all categories. This could give a lesson to Kenya Airways (KQ) on how not to lose clients.

When you have the pleasure of travelling by Emirates, there is no need to break a sweat over luggage as you are informed of the exact belt to collect your luggage upon landing. While on board,

you will be treated to tasty meals. Their in-flight entertainment, and infotainment affords the traveller the opportunity to view Dubai's world class shopping malls as well as its endearing real estate innovations. The immigration and security clearance, including luggage collection, takes about 15 minutes.

Dubai International Airport is strategically located and marketed as a gateway to tourism and leisure travel, and connects the world through its aviation business, blended with its exceptional real estate innovation and shopping experience.

With the government investing in cutting-edge infrastructure and global expertise at the airport, it is easy to see why Emirates Group is a key driver of the tourism, and leisure travel in Dubai. Emirates airline has a fleet of about 200 modern Boeing planes, and 140 Airbuses.

Flight catering

The airline began modernising its fleet in 1985, and has been acquiring planes over the years. Emirates Group comprises of Dnata, one of the largest air services provider, and the Emirates airline, the award winning carrier, with 400 awards won so far. Dnata provides support services such as flight catering, cargo, engineering and training. It is easy to see why Dnata has extended its services to provide similar support services to external parties in the industry.

ates airline is therefore not surprising.

Dubai International Airport has three terminals and a capacity of 75 million passengers annually. In 2014 the airport handled 70.5 million passengers and 2.37 million tonnes of cargo. The airport is the fifth busiest airport in the world by passenger numbers, and the sixth busiest by cargo tonnage. It employs about 90,000 people directly and 400,000 people indirectly. It also contributes over Sh2.6 trillion (\$26.7 billion) to the economy or 27 per cent of the country's GDP, making it a key economic driver contributor.

By itself, the airport also attracts tourism and as a result annual growth in tourism stands at 13.5 per cent per annum, with 11.64 million visitors annually. The *Economist's* Intelligence Unit estimated that Dubai's GDP growth in 2014 was 4.6 per cent. According to Dubai's Department of Economic development, the growth in GDP will likely be 4.5 per cent in 2015.

Exceptionally attractive

It is instructive therefore, that when a government supports its airports, the aviation and other businesses at the airport will thrive.

In addition to Dubai's strategic geographical location, its government has undertaken deliberate investment in developing an exceptionally attractive business environment, with major infrastructure, free zone and favourable tax incentives. Out on the roads, it is easy to see the government muscle and strong influence in the way business is conducted. The roads are well done, and each side is a neat six-lane, orderly overpasses and well lit underpasses, and well lit streets, making it easy to move to different spots in the city.

That said, there is very little of government feel among the business community, which enables people to carry out their business in peace. It's not difficult to see that the government is placing less reliance on oil revenues and consequently the impact on falling global oil prices, on Dubai's economy will likely be negligible. Dubai, as a lead-



Luggage screening area at the new prefabricated Terminal 2 at the JKIA. At the Dubai International Airport luggage handling takes 15 minutes. FILE

Dubai International Airport, which sits on a 21 million square feet land, has been undergoing continuous improvement over the last 20 years. This coupled with the airy and beautiful design of its terminals, is a firm pointer to what lies on the outside of the airport buildings. The airport's architecture is modern, elegant, with wide open spaces, lots of air circulation, friendly counters, and clear signage, and air-conditioned lifts, all designed to ensure a seamless check-in and clearance. The Dubai government has developed solid infrastructure with rail and tram lines to and from the airport, which offer a wide selection of access routes. The staggering growth of the Emir-

ing retail destination globally, is a key tourist attraction. The Dubai Mall, the Mall of Emirates among others, continue to draw swelling crowds of renowned brands, retailers and consumers.

The building landscape in Dubai is breathtaking. The Jumeirah Lakes Towers cover over 50 kilometres, with 79 towers built along the edges of three artificial lakes. Most of the towers are 30 to 45 floors high and the centrepiece, Almas tower, is 66 floors high. This is their business district, similar to our Upper Hill area.

The Palm Jumeirah is a world famous, artificial Archipelago in United Arab Emirates, created using reclaimed land from the sea, built by Nakheel, a company owned by the Dubai government. The government's heavy support for infrastructure has attracted big names in the market, such as Kempinsky, Fairmont, as well as many apartment hotels. Palm Jumeirah apartments, and villas offer access to the stunning beaches, watersports facilities, and azure waters of the Persian Gulf which makes this a highly sought after address by expats, locals and tourists. The neat construction sites and finishes would offer us invaluable lessons. The outstanding and futuristic architecture becomes a tourist attraction in itself.

How does Kenya's gateway to the world, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) compare to Dubai? First, arrival at JKIA reminds one of a seedy, dimly lit place, with passenger transport being unfriendly and confusing. The number of staff at JKIA is excessive, a pointer that they are underpaid. There is notable lack of interest and lethargy among airport staff making the immigration, security clearance and collection of luggage a nightmare, which takes a minimum of two hours.

It bears noting that the most important client of JKIA is Kenya Airways, and its lackluster performance may have a connection with the failure of JKIA. JKIA is capable of marketing our country, and attracting world class brand retailers to the airport which has not happened. This means a lot of businesses may have chosen to avoid JKIA and set up shop elsewhere.

Here is why. The construction of the new Terminal 1 and 2 which commenced in 2013 has not brought any notable improvements. The architecture of JKIA is depressing, traditional, lacking open and airy spaces, with few ablution facilities. The arrivals terminal exit conflicts with the main vehicular routes creating a major grid lock on the

road leading to Mombasa Road, which starts right at Terminal 1. When it rains, there are no alternative routes which is why it can take up to five hours after landing, to reach Nairobi's city centre.

However, all is not lost. If the government is willing to transform JKIA into an aviation and business hub in Africa, there are ways the airport, and consequently Kenya, can become more attractive.

The government should promote JKIA as a world class business and shopping centre with a runway next to it. Every brick and mortar therefore, should be built around this theme.

The management of JKIA should change their culture into one with an eye for service delivery. Of necessity, JKIA should examine expertise, strategy gaps and outsource them to global players, which would unlock the huge potential that JKIA has.

Improvements to airports are typically long term objectives, and JKIA can hopefully examine its architectural and structural shortcomings and start making gradual but deliberate improvements.

Affordable housing

On July 29, President Buhari of Nigeria was quoted as saying, "Our airports are the windows through which people see our country. Anybody coming into the country will likely come through the airports. If we cannot secure and maintain our infrastructure, it will reflect very badly on us."

Whereas our real estate sector may have reached a plateau, with notable revenue drops in the first quarter of this year according to Hascosconsult, a lot must be done to avail well thought-out products, for all classes in the sector. Progress in this sector is possible with the joint efforts of both the industry players and the government. The industry must work towards increased transparency through provision of clear land titles, improved delivery and project execution and high standards of workmanship. On the other hand, and most importantly, the government must provide fiscal incentives to developers to build low-cost and affordable housing for the masses. The government should also be keen to improve infrastructure, service the vast pieces of land with water, electricity, sewerage among others to spur growth of real estate sector.

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The Business Class lounge at the Dubai International Airport. FILE

WILDLIFE ■ REUTERS

Cecil the lion stirs world, but Africans divided on hunting

When Zambia banned lion hunting in 2013, animal welfare groups roared in approval, but rural Zambians who face a threat from big cats and receive a slice of hunting-related revenues complained, causing the government to change its mind.

Leopard hunting will resume this season with "cautionary quotas", while lion hunting will be allowed to restart the year after that, according to Tourism minister, Jean Kapata.

"We decided to lift the hunting ban after receiving numerous complaints from the communities where the hunting blocks are located," Kapata said, adding that 50 per cent of the money from hunting goes back to communities.

Before the 2013 moratorium on killing big cats, Zambia earned Sh300 million (\$3 million) from game hunting.

"People complained they were no longer benefiting from wildlife resources," Kapata added. "I know of several schools and clinics built from this money."

However, Western outrage over the killing of Cecil the lion in neighbouring Zimbabwe by an American dentist has put Africa's multimillion-dollar hunting industry in the cross-hairs like never before.

Three US airlines have stopped carrying lion, leopard, elephant, rhino or buffalo trophies - the so-called "Big 5" most-desired by hunters - in a move that could hurt the industry as American sportsmen are its biggest market. Besides lost revenue for nations such as Zambia, it could also mean people paying the price for life with lions.

"We were also prompted to lift the ban because of the increasing cases of people and cattle being killed by lions. Recently a community leader in my home area was eaten," Kapata said.

When Zambia first announced the resumption of leopard and lion hunting in May, there was no outcry beyond the world of animal welfare groups - and certainly none of the Internet rage that followed Cecil's killing. Zambia estimates its lion population at 2,500 and believes it can have a sustainable hunting industry that protects humans while also conserving overall cat numbers.

"Trophy" animals are supposed to be old males that are beyond breeding age and have been pushed from the pride, meaning their killing has minimal impact on lion populations. "In many instances they resort to eating cattle and human beings," Kapata said.

However, critics contend that enforcing such regulations and practices is impossible given that hunters operate deep in the bush in poorly governed and deeply impoverished countries such as Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Zimbabwean conservationists allege that Cecil was lured out of the sanctuary of a national park with bait before being shot by Walter Palmer, the dentist, with a bow and arrow. "The hunting industry cannot be regulated

because of the high price tags," said Jason Bell, southern Africa director for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). "People are going to do anything they can to bag the trophy."

One solution is the South African model of fencing off big, dangerous animals to minimise the conflict between humans and wildlife and prevent episodes similar to Cecil's. The killing of lions by livestock owners is a key threat to the animal, according to Luke Hunter, President of Panthera, an organisation focused on the global preservation of wild cats.

"Lions are difficult for herders," Hunter said. "If we are to save lions in these landscapes, we need solutions that reduce the conflict."

Rwanda is going down the South African route of fenced off reserves, and last month reintroduced seven lions - flown in from South Africa - to its Akagera National Park, whose last lions were poisoned by farmers who resettled the park after the 1994 genocide.

"What we have done since then is build an electric fence around it," chief tourism officer Yamina Karitanyi said, outlining a strategy for a nascent ecotourism industry that will benefit local communities with five per cent of park revenues.

Much of the debate around hunting focuses on who gets the money the industry generates. This is subject to dispute. One study, published in 2007 in the journal "Biological Conservation", found African trophy hunting generated annual revenues of at least Sh20.1 billion (\$201 million).

However, a 2013 study commissioned by IFAW and other animal welfare organisations found that only three per cent of the hunting revenue reaches the rural communities where hunting occurs.

-REUTERS



A photo of Cecil the lion, which was killed by a US dentist last month, attracting global condemnation. FILE

REGIONAL NEWS

CONFLICT Former Machar ally in battle against Kiir administration rejects unity government bid

South Sudan rebel camp split sparks fears of fresh war

A South Sudan rebel general has split with former Vice President Riek Machar and rejected his plans to join President Salva Kiir in a transitional government, raising prospects of fresh conflict in the country.

Fighting broke out in the world's youngest country in December 2013 between forces loyal to Kiir and rebels allied with his former deputy Machar, reopening ethnic fault lines that pit Kiir's Dinka people against Machar's Nuer forces.

Kiir and Machar have signed several ceasefire deals, only to violate them within days. The factions resumed peace talks last week, under growing international pressure and the threat of further sanctions if an Aug. 17 deadline is not met.

In June, the regional IGAD East African bloc proposed a transitional government as part of a solution to the conflict, with a vice presidential post allocated to the rebels.

Peter Gatdet, who said he was dismissed as a rebel commander along with other generals in July, said in a statement seen by Reuters on Wednesday that he had decided to split with Machar and asked him not to join the transitional government with Kiir.

"We reject any peace agreement that includes President Kiir and Riek Machar in leadership of the transition government of national unity," he said in the name of other rebel generals.

"Therefore, any peace that he signs with the government of South Sudan will not be legitimate and will not be respected by SPLM/A-IO led by generals," Gatdet said.

Spokesmen from IGAD, Machar and Kiir were not immediately reachable for comment.

Gatdet, a leading field commander on both a US Treasury Department sanctions list and a UN blacklist for his role in the unrest, said both Machar and Kiir should also be barred from the transition government and wait to fight the next election.

"If this should not be the case, we suggest that a military-led transition government comprising officers from both parties be formed until next elections are conducted,"

he said.

He added that he and other generals in the rebel SPLM In-Opposition had lost confidence in Machar and had stripped him of his leadership positions.

In late July, while on a visit to Ethiopia, US President Barack Obama said South Sudan's warring factions may

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PETER GATDET, REBEL GENERAL



President Uhuru Kenyatta (back right) witnesses the signing of peace pact between South Sudan President Salva Kiir and his former vice president Riek Machar in Addis Ababa in February. PSCU

face more international pressure if they did not reach a peace deal by August 17. Options discussed by those leaders ranged from applying sanctions to sending in a regional intervention force.

Meanwhile, Sudan's central bank received a total of \$1 billion from Saudi Arabia in July and August, the Sudanese state minister of finance said on Wednesday.

"Sudan's central bank received an investment deposit from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of one billion dollars. Last month we received \$500 million, and we received the second part this month," Abdulrahman Dirar told reporters.

There was no immediate comment

from Saudi Arabia.

Since the Saudi-led military operation in Yemen began, Riyadh has pledged fresh investments in Sudan's agricultural sector. Sudan has said the economic assistance is not linked to its support for the campaign.

This comes at when statistics indicate that Sudan's inflation rate has slowed to 14.1 percent in July from 18.3 per cent in June.

Prices soared in Sudan after South Sudan seceded in 2011, taking with it three-quarters of the country's oil output, the main source of foreign currency used to support the Sudanese pound and to pay for food and other imports.

- REUTERS

BRIEFING

JOHANNESBURG

Families of 30 killed in Marikana mine strike sue for compensation

The families of more than 30 striking South African mineworkers killed by police in 2012 have lodged compensation claims against the government, their representatives said. The miners were gunned down on August 16 three years ago after the police were deployed to break up a wildcat strike that had turned violent at the Marikana platinum mine owned by Lonmin northwest of Johannesburg. "The families have filed for compensation for the loss of financial support, grief and emotional shock," Naadira Munshi, researcher with the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa which is one of the groups representing the families, told AFP.

NEW YORK

Head of peacekeepers in CAR resigns on fresh abuse claims

The head of the UN peacekeeping mission in Central African Republic has resigned after a fresh round of allegations of sexual abuse and excessive use of force by peacekeepers, UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon said. "Today I have accepted the resignation of my special representative Mr Babacar Gaye, head of the United Nations Multi-dimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic, MINUSCA," Ban told reporters at UN headquarters in New York. Gaye, a general from Senegal, submitted his resignation at Ban's request. The move comes after Amnesty International accused MINUSCA peacekeepers of raping a 12-year-old girl, killing a boy and his father during an operation in the Bangui this month.

LUSAKA

Zambian power companies cut electricity supply to miners 30pc

Zambian power companies will cut electricity supply to mining firms by 30 per cent due to a power deficit which threatens to bring the economy of Africa's No.2 copper producer to its knees, an industry official said. The decision was reached on Tuesday in a meeting involving mining firms, state power utility Zesco Ltd and the largest supplier of power to the mines, Copperbelt Energy Corp. Zambia Chamber of Mines president Jackson Sikamo told Reuters. Zesco Ltd, which generates most of Zambia's electricity, is limiting supplies due to a 30 per cent deficit after water levels at its hydro-electric plants fell due to drought, he said.

ACCRA

State-owned oil company picks Japanese firm for gas project

Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC) has appointed Japan-based trading company Mitsui & Co Limited to help develop infrastructure for its natural gas production, the government ministry said. Mitsui will assess how best to construct a second plant to process raw natural gas from the Tano basin, the petroleum ministry said in a statement after a memorandum was signed. Ghana, which exports cocoa, gold and oil, is expected to produce about 250 million cubic feet of gas daily by 2018 from its main west Tano basins. State-owned GNPC has stakes in Ghana's major oil and gas blocks, including the flagship Jubilee field, and it has plans to become a national supplier of gas.

Libyan government spokesman denies PM to resign

Libya's internationally recognised Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni said in a television interview that he would resign, after the station's host confronted him with questions from angry citizens who criticized his cabinet as ineffective.

But in a move typical for a country in chaos where accurate information is hard to get as officials often contradict each other, government spokesman Hatem al-Arabi told Reuters Thinni would stay on, adding that the premier had only meant he would quit if the people demanded it.

"I officially resign and I will submit my resignation to the House of Representatives on Sunday," he told "Libya channel", a private TV sta-

tion in an interview broadcast late on Tuesday.

Thinni has been based in eastern Libya since his government fled Tripoli a year ago after the capital was seized by an armed group that set up a rival administration, part of chaos four years after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi.

Thinni has been in office since March 2014. He had said in April 2014 he would resign, saying his family had been attacked but later changed his mind and stayed on.

His cabinet, working out of hotels, has struggled to make an impact in the remote eastern city of Bayda, while citizens complained about shortages of fuel and a worsening

security situation.

Ministries and key state buildings in Tripoli are under the control of the rival administration with its own premier that has not been recognised by world powers.

During the TV interview, Thinni became angry when the host presented him with questions collected from viewers who criticised Thinni for a lack of security, government services and handling of aid for displaced people.

When the presenter asked Thinni what he would do if there were protests, he said: "People do not need to protest against me because I officially resign from my position."

"They can bring a new prime min-

ister with magic to solve all the problems," he said.

But when Reuters reached cabinet spokesman Arabi he denied that Thinni will resign. "The prime minister has not resigned officially. He said during the television interview that he would resign if the street demands it."

"A resignation needs to be handed in writing to the House of Representatives, which would accept or reject it," Arabi said.

Libya's east has been especially hit hard by the chaos as fighting between forces allied to Thinni and Islamist groups has choked off wheat and fuel imports. The violence has also disrupted the power grid. **- REUTERS**

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Jimnah Mbaru back at Dyer helm after CEO quits

➤ **TURNOVER** It is do-it-yourself for the billionaire as two seniormost executives leave broker

BY JOHN GACHIRI

Veteran investment banker Jimnah Mbaru, 68, is back at the helm of his majority-owned Dyer & Blair brokerage house, plugging the gap left by the exit of top managers.

The billionaire investor, who is the chairman of Dyer & Blair Investment Bank, will take over as chief executive in an acting capacity after the exit of Paul Orem and his deputy Paul Nyaga. The latter was headhunted from Renaissance Capital late 2012.

Mr Mbaru has been the chairman of Dyer & Blair since 1983 when local shareholders bought the firm from KCB Group.

Dyer & Blair was vague on the reason behind the exit of Mr Orem only saying he had decided to voluntarily step aside. The firm, a leader in fixed income seg-

ment, in June lost its market share for bond trades, which fell to 0.7 per cent compared to 22 per cent in May while insignificant trades were recorded in July. The share of equities trade has also shrunk over the past one year.

“The move comes after the immediate former CEO Paul Orem, who has served the company since his appointment in May 2011, voluntarily chose to step down and continue serving as a director and adviser of Dyer & Blair,” said the firm in a statement.

Mr Orem told the *Business Daily* that he has opted to pursue personal business interests while Mr Nyaga declined to comment on the double exit.

Dyer & Blair, however, said Mr Nyaga has joined a brokerage owned by a bank. Sources told the *Business Daily*



Dyer & Blair Investment Bank chairman and acting CEO Jimnah Mbaru. FILE

the former deputy chief executive is headed to KCB's brokerage business.

Dyer & Blair did not indicate when the two positions would be filled only saying its priority would be to increasing its business into virgin territories.

“We will in the short term continue with our focus in strengthening our regional presence via expansion into new markets,” said Mr Mbaru.

The exit of the two senior executives adds to the list of top talent that have left the bank. It includes Norris Kibe and Gibson Gichaga, two experienced

bond dealers recently poached by Faida Investment Bank.

There is an industry-wide battle for talent in stockbrokerage and investment banking fraternity. Much sought-after are brokers, analysts and transaction advisers with commercial banks emerging as major recruiters.

KCB and Equity Bank are some of the large lenders aggressively growing their investment banking units in pursuit of a share of commissions from bond and share trading as well as advisory income.

Equity became the second largest dealer in the first six months of the year buoyed by huge deals pertaining to the parent company's share transactions.

KCB has identified its brokerage business as one of the strategies to increase its customer base to 10 million from seven million.

“This (increasing customer numbers) will also be achieved through our race to a million homes through an affordable mortgage proposition, an integrated product/service offering on bancassurance, investment banking and brokerage services, while pushing up mobile transactions and digital payments,” said KCB chief executive Joshua Oigara when releasing half-year results.

Introduction of real estate investment trusts, exchange traded funds and other securities is expected to create more revenue streams in the industry.

More advisory fees are in the offing due to the massive capital raising required for the massive infrastructure projects that are coming up.

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Coffee traders follow proceedings at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange. FILE

Kenya coffee price up 6pc on global demand

BY GERALD ANDAE

Rising international coffee prices have boosted the value of Kenyan produce six per cent in the latest sales.

The price of coffee at the New York Coffee exchange rose to 138 dollar cents per pound this week from 124 cents last week, helping the local price to register good performance at the local auction.

On average, the price of a 50 kilogramme bag of coffee fetched Sh18,500 this week up from Sh17,300 in last week's Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) auction. NCE chief executive officer Daniel Mbithi said the good international prices coupled with high quality coffee have played a significant role in boosting sales at the auction.

“The international prices at the

New York Exchange have improved and that is why we are witnessing improved prices locally,” said Mr Mbithi.

Traders at the NCE peg their prices to the New York exchange given that over 90 per cent of the crop is exported. Mr Mbithi said the auction was receiving high quality crop from eastern Kenya as well as the central parts of the country.

“We are receiving main crop from eastern part of the country as well as an early crop from the central Kenya and its good quality. This has played a major role in earning farmers good returns for their commodity,” he said.

The value of the two premium grades improved during this week's sales with grade AA rising by six per cent to sell at Sh23,800 from Sh22,240

last month. Grade AB went up by 9.7 per cent to fetch Sh21,400 from Sh19,500 of the previous week.

The volume of coffee traded on Tuesday dropped to 580,429 from 668,823 during last week's auction. However, NCE said it expects more coffee in the coming weeks. The trading at the auction has also received a boost from new players who have raised the demand of coffee at the weekly auctions.

Kenya coffee is in high demand, mainly in the UK and the US, with traders buying it for blending with lower quality beans from different parts of the world.

Last month, the price of coffee had declined by eight per cent, which was the biggest drop since the auction resumed from a one-month break.

Volatile shilling hit companies growth in July, new survey says

BY GEORGE NGIGI

Kenya's private sector recorded slower growth in July due to cost pressures attributable to a weak shilling, the latest Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released by CFC Stanbic shows.

The index fell to 54.1 in July, which is lower than the 55.5 average recorded in the second quarter. The PMI, a valued economic indicator in developed countries, captures the direction of the economy by getting information from executives of private companies on employment, output levels and new orders booked. An index above 50 is indicative of economic growth.

CFC Stanbic noted that new orders' growth fell to a six-month low, while cost pressures intensified to a 16-month high predominantly due to the pass-through effects of the weaker shilling.

“We, however, feel the regulator has been pre-emptive in addressing the concerns around the currency thus far, and if the much-needed stability materialises from their actions, the recent cost pressures that have been slowing down growth are likely to be contained,” said Jibrán Qureishi, an economist at CFC Stanbic Bank.

On the positive side employment continued to increase in July, with the



Central Bank governor Patrick Njoroge. FILE

pace of job creation little-changed since June and solid overall.

The depreciation of the shilling against the dollar, 11 per cent from the beginning of the year, has been cited as a reason for profit drops among listed manufacturing companies that have released their half-year results.

A weak shilling is harmful to Kenya given it is an import-driven economy. Concerns over the currency — hobbled by a surging dollar and US Fed rate cut anticipation — have seen Central Bank governor Patrick Njoroge summoned by Parliament to explain corrective actions taken.

MONEY & MARKETS

Banks record slowest profit growth in six years

■ EARNINGS Move attributed to higher cost of cash as CBK mopped up liquidity to support the shilling

BY GEORGE NGIGI

Banks' profits in the first half-year grew 8.3 per cent, the slowest expansion recorded in the last six years which could signal an economic slowdown amid tight liquidity.

Kenyan operations of the 43 banks posted a total of Sh76.9 billion pre-tax profit for the six months to June compared to Sh71 billion posted in a similar period last year.

The banks posted a 15.6 per cent growth in the first half of last year, matching the growth of 2013 and 2012.

The slower growth has been attributed to higher cost of cash as the Central Bank of Kenya mopped up liquidity in the market to support the shilling.

"It is a mixed environment because even before the end of the six months Treasury bill rates were up; so in terms of liquidity it has been constrained and this affects banks depending on their position on liquidity," said Standard Investment Bank head of research Francis Mwangi.

Notably, the top-three banks which hold the bulk of deposits in the country have declared above average profit growth indicating that small banks

— most of which are yet to release their financials — have been hit hard by the higher cost of funds. Co-operative Bank has so far posted the largest profit growth among tier I banks, 24 per cent, attributed to cost-cutting.

Commercial Bank of Africa posted a 22 per cent growth, followed by KCB and Equity which have recorded an 11 and 10 per cent increase respectively.

CFC Stanbic recorded a 35.4 per cent drop attributed to falling revenue from its branches in South Sudan.

CBK has been increasing interest rates in an effort to prop up the shilling which has seen large depositors demand higher returns from banks for their savings.

Introduction of the KBRR pricing strategy in the banking sector has however seen the banks unable

to pass the increases to lenders resulting in lower interest margins.

The cost of borrowing between banks, commonly referred to as the interbank rate, has shot up above 20 per cent.

Six large banks control more than half of the industry's deposits which stood at Sh2.57 trillion at the end of June up from Sh2.41 trillion three months earlier. CBK noted that credit uptake was slowing down due to un-

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MERCYLINE GATEBI, ANALYST
WITH GENGHIS CAPITAL



The Central Bank of Kenya, Nairobi. Credit uptake is slowing down due to uncertainty over the direction of interest rates. FILE

certainty over the direction of interest rates. "Some banks indicated that the cost of borrowing and recent upward review of the Central Bank Rate had the most impact in reducing demand for credit," said CBK in its report.

Persistent high interest rates have also seen the volume of bad loans grow to Sh124.5 billion from Sh104 billion at the beginning of the year.

"The increase in NPLs has contributed to slow growth as banks are putting so much in provisions," said Mercyline Gatebi, an analyst with Genghis Capital.

She said banks were relying more on non-funded income arising from alternative channels of offering services such as mobile phones. Analysts

Top tier banks' half-year profit before tax in ShBn

NB: Standard Chartered, ranked among the top tier, is yet to release its results.

	2015	2014
KCB	11,783	10,714
Equity	10,917	9,837
CO-OP	8,403	6,785
Barclays	6,435	6,111
CBA	2,881	2,355

Source: Company filings

noted that non-performing loans were likely to grow as banks struggled to balance between prudence and meeting loan book growth targets. With lower demand for credit, banks are likely to

relax their lending policies in order to book loans from those who show interest. The banking sector however remains attractive to investors due to its relatively better performance compared to other sectors whose companies are recording losses mainly due to foreign exchange losses.

A number of real sector investors have recorded lower profit or issued profit warnings as the shilling's volatility persists.

Ms Gatebi however said that listed medium-sized banks were more attractive as they had headroom for growth unlike top tier lenders whose share prices have factored in all their corporate activities.

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Kenyan shilling weakens as liquidity crunch seen easing

The Kenyan shilling weakened in early trading yesterday as traders bet that a liquidity crunch that has offered support to the currency might start easing soon.

At 0700 GMT, commercial banks posted the shilling at 101.70/80, down from Wednesday's closing rate of 101.10/20, and slightly up from its intra-day low of 101.80/90.

Traders said those who had been sitting on short dollar positions decided to cover them, on expectations the liquidity crunch would ease as a new Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) cycle kicks in on Monday.

Banks are required to maintain a cash reserve ratio of 5.25 per cent of their deposits for a month starting on the 14th of every month, but they

have the leeway of going down to three per cent, as long as the average for the month adds up to the required ratio.

Overnight lending rates have soared to a high of 26 per cent in recent days as banks sought to meet that requirement but traders said the rates will ease with the beginning of a new cycle on Monday.

"With the CRR cycle coming to an end tomorrow, the liquidity crunch should ease off," said a trader with a commercial bank.

"With the liquidity crunch easing, market players just decided to cover their shorts," he added. The weakening of the currency was worsened by some large corporate orders for dollars, traders said.

— REUTERS

Dollar gets respite as China eases currency war fears

» **MONEY** Yuan continues to weaken having tumbled three percent against the greenback since Tuesday

The dollar rose from a one-month low against a basket of major currencies yesterday as the yuan's fall slowed, easing worries that China was trying to sharply devalue its currency to gain competitive advantage.

Having tumbled some three per cent against the greenback since Tuesday in an unprecedented fall, the yuan continued to weaken slightly on Thursday but China's central bank said there was no basis for further depreciation.

The decision to devalue China's currency, also known as the renminbi, by pushing its official guidance rate down two per cent triggered fears of a "currency war" and sent shockwaves through global financial markets. Currency investors who had held

euro-funded positions in the yuan and other riskier emerging market currencies responded by buying back the single currency, driving it to a one-month high of \$1.1215 on Wednesday. But it was half a percent down on the day at \$1.1107 in a calmer market on Thursday.

"The market has started to settle a bit (but) there's still a lot of uncertainty about how far the value of the renminbi will fall and how far should it fall given the slowdown in the economy," said Rabobank currency strategist Jane Foley in London.

Banking sources said the People's Bank of China had stepped up its intervention in yuan trading in a bid to stabilize exchange rates. The Chinese

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JANE FOLEY

RABOBANK CURRENCY

STRATEGIST IN LONDON



A teller counts US dollar and yuan notes at a Hefei bank in China. The decision to devalue the yuan sent shockwaves through global financial markets. AFP

move also drove investors to push back their expectations of when the U.S. Federal Reserve would raise interest rates, helping drive the dollar index to a one-month low of 95.926. But it pulled away from that trough on Thursday, up 0.3 percent at 95.593.

US retail sales data due at 1230 GMT (0830 EDT) will be closely watched.

"The US clearly needs to watch the global economy and China, but ultimately if we get a very strong release today, market expectations for a September interest rate hike will probably bounce right back," Foley said.

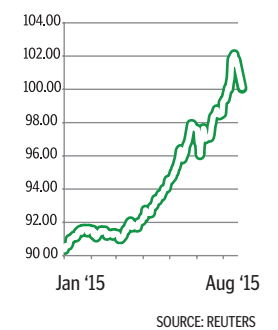
Against the safe-haven yen, the dollar rose 0.3 percent to 124.56 JPY=, although it remained below a two-month high of 125.28 yen set on Wednesday.

"If risk-off type of trading recedes that should help support the dollar against the yen," said Masashi Murata, currency strategist for Brown Brothers Harriman in Tokyo.

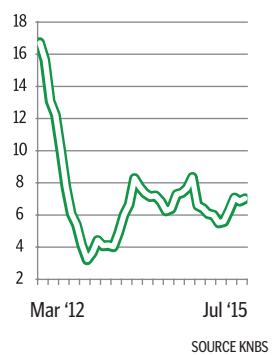
The Swedish crown gained more than 1 percent against the single currency to hit a one-week high of 9.4840 crowns per euro after better-than-expected Swedish inflation data. **ECONSE. - REUTERS**

Economic indicators

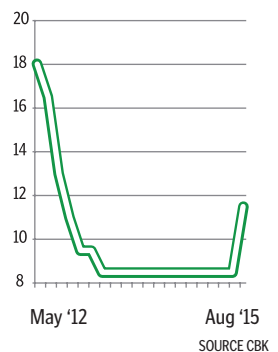
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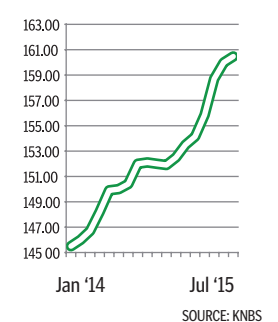
Kenya Inflation rate



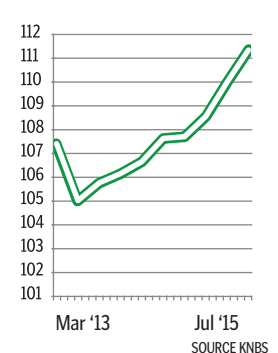
Central Bank rate



Consumer Price Index (CPI)

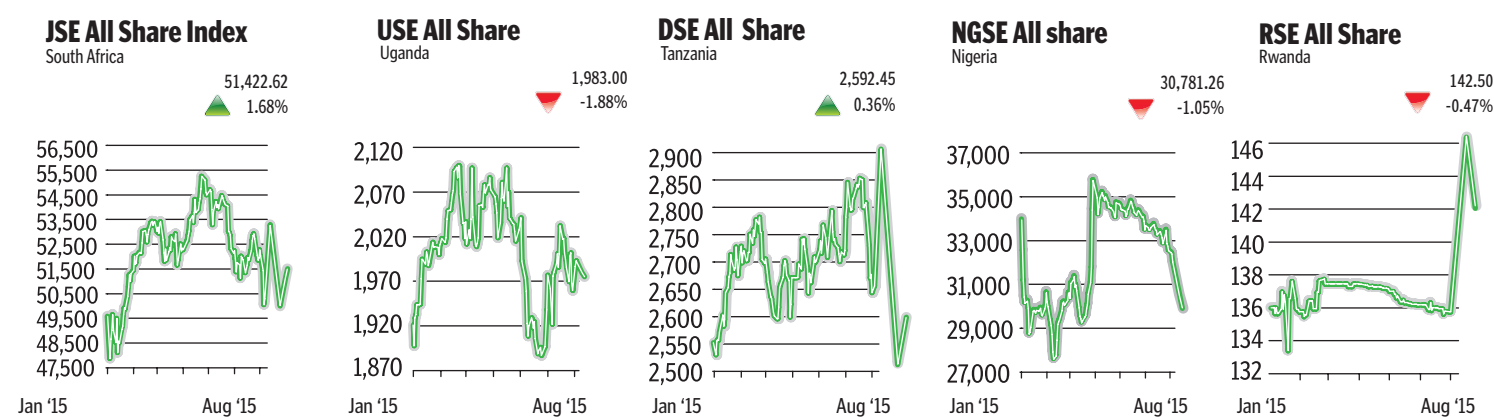


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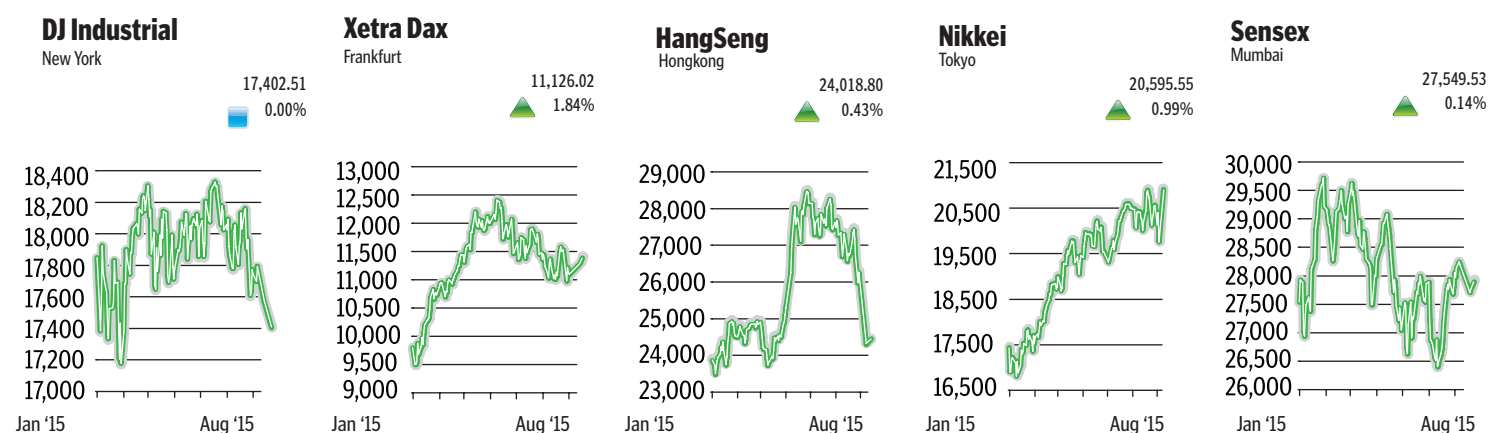


Tracking the markets: Benchmark Index (Latest Data)

Africa



World



MARKET DATA

Agro Commodities Market

Early Morning wholesale commodity prices Date 13-08-2015								
COMMODITY	Unit	Kg	Nairobi	Mombasa	Kisumu	Nakuru	Eldoret	Malindi
CEREAL								
Dry Maize	Bag	90	3000	3000	3200	2600	2800	3000
Green Maize	Ext Bag	115	1800	6000	2200	1600	900	3000
Finger Millet	Bag	90	7200	7200	7200	5800	6750	6000
Sorghum	Bag	90	3600	3600	3200	2700	4950	5400
Wheat	Bag	90	4000				3300	5400
LEGUMES								
Beans Canadian	Bag	90	5800		7200	5800		6300
Beans Rosecoco	Bag	90	5600	5700	6800	5800	5400	7000
Beans Mwitemia	Bag	90	5800	5200		4500	5400	6000
Mwezi Moja	Bag	90	5600			4500		6400
Dolichos (Njahi)	Bag	90	12000	11700		10800	9900	8500
Green Gram	Bag	90	10500	9900	10000	8100	8500	9000
Cowpeas	Bag	90	7200	5400	8000	7200	4050	6300
Fresh Peas	Bag	51	1800	1500	2800	2200	1270	
Groundnuts	Bag	110	13000	14400	9600	13700	9400	14500
ROOTS & TUBERS								
Red Irish Potatoes	Bag	50	1700	1700	2200		1000	
White Irish Potatoes	Bag	50	1600	2200	2200	1600	800	3000
Cassava Fresh	Bag	99	2000	1500	2100			2500
Sweet Potatoes	Bag	98	3200	2950	2500	2500	1800	5000
VEGETABLES								
Cabbages	Ext Bag	126	1500	1500	900		1000	3000
Cooking Bananas	Med Bunch	22	520	800	300	350	720	900
Carrots	Ext Bag	138	2300	3000	3500	2200	900	5200
Tomatoes	Lg Box	64	4600	5700	4500	5500	4000	3000
Onions Dry	net 13	800	700	1040	750	1040	1000	
Kales	Bag	50	1100	1000	1200	600	600	1500
Spring Onions	Bag	142	1700	4000	1500	1000	800	
Chillies	Bag	38	2200	1100	1500	2000		3400
Cucumber	Bag	50	2000	2000				3000
Capsicums	Bag	50	2000	1500	2300	1500	1750	3500
Brinjals	Bag	44	1800	900	1400			2000
Cauliflower	crate	39	1700	2800		800		
Lettuce	Bag	51	1700	2000				6000
FRUITS								
Ripe Bananas	Med Bunch	14	620	400	300	750	700	650
Passion Fruits	Bag	57	4800	7500	3100	5000	2280	4000
Oranges	Bag	93	3200	4600	3500	3000	3400	2500
Lemons	Bag	95	2800	1500	1800	2700		2700
Mangoes Local	Bag	126	2200	2500	2800	3000	2000	2450
Mangoes Ngowe	Sm Basket	25	1100	1000	1800	500	500	2700
Limes	net	13	1000	1000				520
Pineapples	Dozen	13	720	840	630	480	1040	650
Pawpaw	Lg Box	54	1800	1300	1500	3000	1620	2000
Avocado	Bag	90	2000	3000	1700	2000	1500	3500
OTHERS								
Eggs	Tray		300	360	260	300	360	330

SOURCE: STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. EMAIL MARKETINFO@KILIMO.GO.KE

Unit Trusts

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12TH AUGUST 2015			
MONEY MARKET FUND	CURRENCY	DAILY YIELD	EFFECTIVE ANNUAL RATE
OLD MUTUAL	SH	7.87%	8.16%
BRITISH AMERICAN	SH	11.06%	11.69%
UAP	SH	10.90%	11.51%
GENCAP HELA	SH	11.68%	12.20%
PAN AFRICA PESA+	SH	11.05%	11.68%
AMANA	SH	10.89%	11.45%
MADISSON	SH	11.20%	11.79%
ICEA	SH	11.43%	12.11%
CIC	SH	11.94%	12.60%
CBA	SH	9.98%	10.41%
STANLIB	SH	10.28%	10.78%
NABO AFRICA	USD	96.30	96.30
FIXED INCOME FUND	CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
GENCAP HAZINA	SH	111.66	115.71
NABO AFRICA	USD	94.19	94.19
CIC	SH	9.51	9.76
BALANCED FUND			
OLD MUTUAL / TOBOA	SH	153.43	163.38
BRITISH AMERICAN	SH	185.51	190.93
GENCAP ENEZA	SH	120.41	124.77
UAP	SH	10.77	11.31
AMANA	SH	124.79	124.79
MADISSON	SH	60.57	63.91
PAN AFRICA CHAMA+	SH	10.45	10.77
STANLIB	SH	125.77	125.77
CIC	SH	13.14	13.76
ICEA	SH	133.02	140.02
NABO AFRICA	USD	103.41	103.41
EQUITY FUND			
OLD MUTUAL	SH	375.14	401.95
OLD MUTUAL EAST AFRICA FUND	SH	149.20	157.90
BRITISH AMERICAN	SH	194.62	200.81
CBA	SH	156.15	156.15
AMANA	SH	123.04	123.04
GENCAP HISA	SH	125.21	129.76
MADISSON	SH	45.97	48.80
ICEA	SH	140.59	147.99
UAP	SH	9.93	10.42
STANLIB	SH	177.85	177.85
CIC	SH	13.75	14.48
NABO AFRICA	USD	96.75	96.75
BOND FUND			
OLD MUTUAL BOND FUND	SH	97.56	99.88
BRITISH AMERICAN	SH	136.72	139.51
ICEA	SH	92.15	93.08
UAP	SH	11.18	11.18
PAN AFRICA PATA+	SH	9.76	10.06
STANLIB FUND B1	SH	98.33	98.33
STANLIB FUND A	SH	97.56	97.56
SHARIAH COMPLIANT			
GENCAP IMAN	SH	110.85	116.69

GLOBAL PROJECT FINANCED DEALS YTD

Project Name	Project Nation	Project Type	Project Sector	Project Sponsor	Project Cost (US\$ Mil)
Osmaniye Steel Sheet Plant Project	Turkey	Build-Own-Operate	Industry		425,000.00
Tanzania TANESCO Natural Gas Fired Power Plant Project	Tanzania	Build-Own-Operate	Power		344,059.07
Santana-Mocóa-Neiva Highway Project	Colombia	Build-Own-Operate	Transportation	Institute of Colombian	63,300.00
				Cass Constructores	
				Carlos Alberto Solarte	
				Estyma Estudios y Manejos	
				Latinoamericana de	
				Alcanos de Colombia SA ESP	
Gorgon Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project	Australia	Build-Own-Operate	Oil & Gas	Exxon Mobil-Certain Assets	54,000.00
			Oil & Gas	ChevronTexaco Australia Pty	
				Shell Australia Ltd	
				Tokyo Gas Gorgon Pty Ltd	
				Osaka Gas Gorgon Pty Ltd	
				Chubu Electric Power Co Inc	
Chevron Wheatstone LNG Plant Project	Australia	Build-Own-Operate	Oil & Gas	Chevron Corp	43,000.00
			Oil & Gas	Apache Corp	
			Oil & Gas	Shell Australia Ltd	
				KUFPEC	
				Japan Oil Gas & Metals	
Shah Deniz 2 Gas Field Development Project	Azerbaijan	Build-Own-Operate	Oil & Gas	BP PLC	30,000.00
				SOCAR	
				Statoil ASA	
				Total SA	
				Naftiran Intertrade Co	
				Lukoil Overseas Holding Ltd	
				Türkiye Petrolleri AO	
French Wind Offshore	France	Build-Own-Operate	Power		27,412.28
GNEA Pipeline Project	Argentina	Build-Own-Operate	Oil & Gas	Energia Argentina SA	25,000.00
			Oil & Gas		

GLOBAL PROJECT FINANCED DEALS IN PIPELINE YTD

Project Name	Project Nation	Project Status	Project Sector	Project Sponsor	Project Cost (US\$ Mil)
Santana-Mocóa-Neiva Highway Project	Colombia	Contract Awarded	Transportation	Institute of Colombian	63,300.00
				Cass Constructores	
				Carlos Alberto Solarte	
				Estyma Estudios y Manejos	
				Latinoamericana de	
				Alcanos de Colombia SA ESP	
GNEA Pipeline Project	Argentina	Contract Awarded	Oil & Gas	Energia Argentina SA	25,000.00
			Oil & Gas		
Heathrow Airport Expansion Project	United Kingdom	Announced	Transportation		22,514.40
UK Smart Meter Assets Provider (MAP) Installation Project	United Kingdom	Announced	Power		17,410.80
NSW Poles and Wires Asset Privatization Project	Australia	Government Approved	Power		10,283.00
ZapSibNeftekhim Petrochemical Facility	Russian Fed	Announced	Petrochemicals	SIBUR	9,500.00
Abengoa Projects Warehouse 1	United States	Under Construction	Power	EIG Global Energy Partners LLC	9,200.00
				Abengoa SA	
Makati-Pasay-Taguig Mega Subway Project	Philippines	Awaiting Government Approval	Transportation		8,488.04
Rajasthan Solar Park Project	India	Contract Signed	Power	Reliance Power Ltd	8,084.00
Gulf LNG Export Project	United States	Awaiting Government Approval	Oil & Gas	Kinder Morgan Inc	8,000.00
SOURCE : THOMSON REUTERS				GMX Resources Inc	

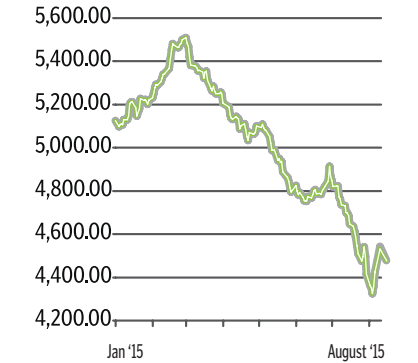
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Nairobi Stocks

NSE 20 Share Index
Nairobi

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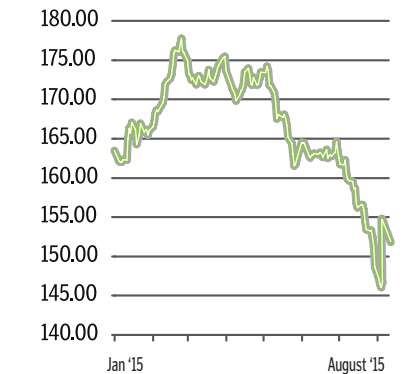
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All Share Index (NASI)
Nairobi

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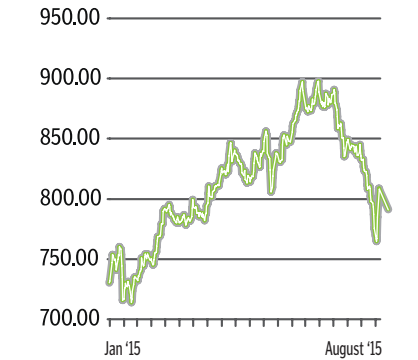
-0.80%



PineBridge -27 Index
Nairobi

795.47

-0.71%



Active Counters

Counter	Price Last	Price Prev	% Change	Total Shares Traded
Safaricom	15.45	15.60	-0.96%	8,370,500
Kenya Re	1790	16.85	6.23%	2,762,900
Equity	42.00	42.50	-1.18%	2,312,500
KCB	48.25	48.75	-1.03%	1,997,200
Sasini	17.00	15.00	13.33%	1,106,000

Gainers

Counter	Price last	Price Prev	Net Change	% Chng
Sasini	17.00	15.00	2.00	13.33%
Eaagads	32.50	29.75	2.75	9.24%
Kakuzi	379.00	352.00	27.00	7.67%
Kenya Re	1790	16.85	1.05	6.23%
Uchumi	7.00	6.70	0.30	4.48%

Losers

Counter	price Last	price Prev	Net Change	% Chng
Eveready EA	3.35	3.65	-0.30	-8.22%
Crown Berger	66.50	70.50	-4.00	-5.67%
British American	18.80	19.65	-0.85	-4.33%
Centum Invest.	52.00	54.00	-2.00	-3.70%
Longhorn Publishers	6.75	7.00	-0.25	-3.57%

African Indices

NAME	LOCATION	LAST		NET.CHNG	PCT.CHNG	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
NSE 20 - SHR IDX	KENYA	4,495.52	▼	-3.54	-0.08%	4,499.06	4,499.06	4,499.06	4,499.06
LUSE ALL SHARE INDEX	ZAMBIA	5,843.32	■	0.00	0.00%	5,843.32	5,843.32	5,843.32	5,843.32
JSE ALL SHARE INDEX	SOUTH AFRICA	51,422.62	▲	852.02	1.68%	51,295.02	51,557.93	51,212.80	50,570.60
ALSIUG	UGANDA	1,983.00	▼	-38.00	-1.88%	2,021.00	2,021.00	2,021.00	2,021.00
ZSE INDUSTRIAL	ZIMBABWE	142.93	■	0.00	0.00%	142.93	142.93	142.93	142.93
CFG INDEX	MOROCCO	20,462.48	▼	-85.95	-0.42%	20,543.90	20,547.76	20,457.79	20,548.43
MALAWI ALL SHR	MALAWI	15,915.38	▲	27.46	0.17%	15,887.92	15,887.92	15,887.92	15,887.92
NSE ALL SHARE/D	NIGERIA	30,781.26	▼	-325.85	-1.05%	31,106.51	31,106.51	30,772.91	31,107.11
DSE ALL SHR IDX	TANZANIA	2,592.45	▲	9.19	0.36%	2,583.26	2,583.26	2,583.26	2,583.26
EGX 30 IDX/D	EGYPT	7,879.82	▼	-32.06	-0.41%	7,913.76	7,949.96	7,879.82	7,911.88
TUN MAIN INDEX	TUNISIA	5,591.55	▼	-23.03	-0.41%	5,616.41	5,618.06	5,589.95	5,614.58
RSE ALLSHARE IND	RWANDA	142.50	▼	-0.67	-0.47%	142.50	142.50	142.50	143.17

Daily Share Report

				VWA	VWA	DAILY	DAILY	SHARES		EPS			DPS	TOTAL
	52 WK	52 WK	YTD	LAST	PREV	PRICE	TRADED	ISSUED	MKT CAP.	LATEST	P / E	PBV	LATEST	DIVIDEND
	HIGH	LOW	%	PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	SHARES		KSH '000	12MNTH	TRAILING	TRAILING	12MNTH	YIELD
AGRICULTURAL														
EAAGADS	100.00	29.50	-29.17%	32.50	29.75	9.24%	9,900	32,157,000	1,045,102,500.0	0.18	180.56	2.60	0.00	0.00%
KAKUZI	383.00	113.00	95.56%	379.00	352.00	7.67%	4,800	19,599,999	7,428,399,621.0	8.17	46.39	2.56	3.75	0.99%
KAPCHORUA TEA	242.00	115.00	64.23%	225.00	225.00	0.00%	-	3,912,000	880,200,000.0	-5.82	-38.66	0.64	5.00	2.22%
LIMURU TEA	1248.00	650.00	41.37%	1090.00	1090.00	0.00%	-	1,800,000	1,962,000,000.0	-0.28	-	5.31	1.00	0.09%
REA VIPINGO	27.50	27.50	0.00%	27.50	27.50	0.00%	-	60,000,000	1,650,000,000.0	5.85	4.70	0.74	0.00	0.00%
SASINI	18.65	11.50	16.73%	17.00	15.00	13.33%	1,106,000	228,055,500	3,876,943,500.0	0.54	31.48	0.61	0.25	1.47%
WILLIAMSON TEA	435.00	240.00	59.27%	395.00	395.00	0.00%	-	8,756,320	3,458,746,400.0	23.77	16.62	0.54	40.00	10.13%
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES														
CAR & GEN	62.00	37.25	-22.22%	42.00	42.00	0.00%	100	40,103,308	1,684,338,936.0	6.57	6.39	0.81	0.60	1.43%
MARSHALLS	13.60	8.15	10.20%	10.80	10.80	0.00%	-	14,393,106	155,445,544.8	-11.90	-0.91	0.40	0.00	0.00%
SAMEER	7.80	4.50	-18.33%	4.75	4.90	-3.06%	2,600	278,342,393	1,322,126,366.8	-0.24	-19.79	0.57	0.00	0.00%
BANKING														
BARCLAYS	18.45	14.00	-11.08%	14.80	14.85	-0.34%	115,300	5,431,536,000	80,386,732,800.0	1.54	9.61	2.48	1.00	6.76%
CFC STANBIC	141.00	90.00	-24.60%	95.50	93.50	2.14%	1,000	395,321,638	37,753,216,429.0	14.38	6.64	1.64	6.15	6.44%
DTBK	280.00	193.00	-14.47%	201.00	201.00	0.00%	30,800	242,110,105	48,664,131,105.0	21.92	9.17	2.11	2.40	1.19%
EQUITY	63.00	37.00	-15.00%	42.00	42.50	-1.18%	2,312,500	3,702,777,020	155,516,634,840.0	4.55	9.23	3.02	1.80	4.29%
HF	55.00	20.50	-48.63%	23.50	23.50	0.00%	63,800	352,416,667	8,281,791,674.5	4.21	5.58	0.91	1.50	6.38%
I&M HOLDINGS	141.00	106.00	-13.82%	106.00	106.00	0.00%	-	392,362,039	41,590,376,134.0	13.56	7.82	1.90	2.90	2.74%
KCB	65.50	45.50	-14.47%	48.25	48.75	-1.03%	1,997,200	3,025,219,832	145,966,856,894.0	5.63	8.57	2.25	2.00	4.15%
NBK	30.00	16.00	-21.21%	19.20	19.50	-1.54%	172,700	308,000,000	5,913,600,000.0	3.11	6.17	0.44	0.00	0.00%
NIC BANK	85.00	47.00	-13.04%	49.75	50.00	-0.50%	130,500	639,945,603	31,837,293,749.3	7.07	7.04	1.53	1.00	2.01%
STAN. CHART.	357.00	256.00	-16.42%	280.00	280.00	0.00%	32,400	309,159,514	86,564,663,920.0	33.21	8.43	2.39	17.00	6.07%
CO-OP BANK	23.25	17.50	-2.00%	19.70	19.60	0.51%	614,300	4,889,316,295	96,319,531,011.5	1.64	12.01	2.25	0.50	2.54%
COMMERCIAL														
ATLAS DEV. & SUPP. SERV. LTD	13.75	9.50		9.50	9.50	0.00%	1,200	433,063,193	4,114,100,333.5	-0.04	-237.50		0.00	0.00%
EXPRESS (K)	8.50	4.50	-18.55%	5.05	5.05	0.00%	-	35,403,790	178,789,139.5	-2.18	-2.32	0.90	0.00	0.00%
HUTCHINGS BIEMER	20.25	20.25	0.00%	20.25	20.25	0.00%	-	360,000	7,290,000.0	-18.34	-1.10	-	0.00	0.00%
KQ	11.50	5.00	-30.46%	5.90	6.05	-2.48%	451,600	1,496,469,035	8,829,167,306.5	-13.35	-0.44	2.82	0.00	0.00%
LONGHORN PUBLISHERS	30.75	6.45	-24.32%	6.75	7.00	-3.57%	70,500	243,750,000	1,645,312,500.0	1.62	4.17	0.91	2.00	29.63%
NATION MEDIA	321.00	175.00	-31.94%	179.00	179.00	0.00%	26,000	188,542,286	33,749,069,194.0	13.10	13.66	4.13	10.00	5.59%
STANDARD GRP	47.50	31.50	12.23%	39.00	39.00	0.00%	-	81,731,808	3,187,540,512.0	2.57	15.18	1.76	0.50	1.28%
TPS EA	40.00	30.00	-10.81%	33.00	33.00	0.00%	-	182,174,108	6,011,745,564.0	1.35	24.44	0.54	1.35	4.09%
UCHUMI	15.60	6.40	-33.33%	7.00	6.70	4.48%	280,700	364,959,616	2,554,717,312.0	1.45	4.83	0.64	0.30	4.29%
WPP SCANGROUP	14.00	35.00	-17.68%	37.50	37.25	0.67%	2,300	378,865,102	14,207,441,325.0	1.50	25.00	1.74	0.00	0.00%
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED														
ARM CEMENT LTD	95.00	60.00	-25.00%	63.50	64.50	-1.55%	35,300	495,275,000	31,449,962,500.0	3.01	21.10	3.87	0.60	0.94%
BAMBURI	180.00	135.00	10.79%	154.00	154.00	0.00%	7,500	362,959,275	55,895,728,350.0	9.80	15.71	1.93	12.00	7.79%
CROWN BERGER	187.00	54.00	-36.49%	66.50	70.50	-5.67%	300	23,727,000	1,577,845,500.0	9.01	7.38	1.16	1.75	2.63%
EA CABLES	17.00	14.00	-7.41%	14.95	15.00	-0.33%	6,500	253,125,000	3,784,218,750.0	1.37	10.91	1.57	1.00	6.69%
EAPC	78.00	51.00	3.45%	60.00	60.00	0.00%	200	90,000,000	5,400,000,000.0	-4.30	-13.95	1.12	0.00	0.00%
ENERGY & PETROLEUM														
KENGEN	13.15	8.00	-19.42%	8.30	8.30	0.00%	112,300	2,198,361,456	18,246,400,084.8	1.29	6.43	0.27	0.40	4.82%
KENOLKOBIL	10.50	7.55	-1.15%	8.70	8.60	1.16%	153,400	1,471,761,200	12,804,322,440.0	0.74	11.76	1.92	0.20	2.30%
KENYA POWER	18.50	13.00	13.84%	16.45	16.45	0.00%	729,700	1,951,467,045	32,101,632,890.3	3.31	4.97	0.74	0.50	3.04%
TOTAL	32.00	20.25	-5.21%	23.00	22.75	1.10%	25,800	175,028,706	4,025,660,238.0	2.26	10.18	0.79	0.70	3.04%
UMEME	23.00	16.00	-17.14%	17.40	17.40	0.00%	-	1,623,878,005	28,255,477,287.0	1.34	12.95	3.09	0.90	5.19%
INSURANCE														
BRITISH AMERICAN	40.00	14.00	-33.95%	18.80	19.65	-4.33%	211,900	1,938,415,838	36,442,217,754.4	1.31	14.35	2.10	0.30	1.60%
CIC INSURANCE	12.40	6.00	-18.75%	7.70	7.80	-1.28%	406,000	2,615,538,528	20,139,646,665.6	0.43	17.91	2.49	0.10	1.30%
JUBILEE	600.00	370.00	25.56%	565.00	565.00	0.00%	-	59,895,000	33,840,675,000.0	48.00	11.77	3.17	8.50	1.50%
KENYA RE	20.00	15.45	-1.17%	17.90	16.85	6.23%	2,762,900	699,949,068	12,529,088,317.2	4.48	4.00	0.70	0.70	3.91%
LIBERTY KENYA	28.00	17.00	-5.38%	21.25	22.00	-3.41%	18,600	535,707,499	11,383,784,353.8	2.14	9.93	2.15	0.50	2.35%
PAN AFRICA	141.00	60.00	-41.67%	70.00	70.00	0.00%	8,600	96,000,000	6,720,000,000.0	9.07	7.72	2.01	0.00	0.00%
INVESTMENT														
CENTUM INVEST.	84.50	45.00	-11.48%	52.00	54.00	-3.70%	373,300	665,441,775	34,602,972,300.0	10.44	4.98	1.71	0.00	0.00%
HOME AFRICA	5.55	2.30	-42.68%	2.35	2.35	0.00%	532,100	405,255,320	952,350,002.0	-0.04	-58.75	-	0.00	0.00%
KURWITU VENTURES LTD	1500.00	1500.00	-	1500.00	1500.00	0.00%	-	102,272	153,408,000.0	-62.40	-24.04		0.00	0.00%
OLYMPIA	10.85	2.50	-10.58%	4.55	4.65	-2.15%	16,800	40,000,000	182,000,000.0	-1.04	-4.38	0.23	0.00	0.00%
TRANSCENTURY	24.00	12.00	-22.22%	15.00	15.05	-0.33%	3,800	280,284,476	4,204,267,140.0	-8.53	-1.76	0.79	0.00	0.00%
INVESTMENT SERVICES														
NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHG	28.00	15.00		20.25	20.00	1.25%	50,800	194,625,000	3,941,156,250.0	2.13	9.51	5.40	0.38	1.88%
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED														
A. BAUMANN	11.10	11.10	0.00%	11.10	11.10	0.00%	-	3,840,066	42,624,732.6	-2.02	-5.50	-	0.00	0.00%
BOC GASES	165.00	120.00	4.00%	130.00	130.00	0.00%	100	19,525,446	2,538,307,980.0	11.76	11.05	1.74	5.20	4.00%
BAT KENYA	1050.00	652.00	-13.00%	789.00	790.00	-0.13%	15,600	100,000,000	78,900,000,000.0	42.55	18.54	10.42	42.50	5.39%
CARBACID	30.00	14.00	-22.07%	16.95	16.95	0.00%	64,900	254,851,988	4,319,741,196.6	1.93	8.78	2.61	0.30	1.77%
EABL	355.00	262.00	0.32%	301.00	309.00	-2.59%	342,700	790,774,356	238,023,081,156.0	11.31	26.61	8.71	6.00	1.99%
EVEREADY EA	5.35	2.65	-1.35%	3.35	3.65	-8.22%	69,600	210,000,000	703,500,000.0	-0.85	-3.94	2.18	0.00	0.00%
FLAME TREE GROUP HOLDINGS	14.00	7.00	-	7.60	7.35	3.40%	83,000	161,866,804	1,230,187,710.4	0.99	7.68		0.00	0.00%
K. ORCHARDS	192.00	10.50	-9.09%	100.00	100.00	0.00%	-	12,868,124	1,286,812,400.0	0.15	666.67	526.32	0.00	0.00%
MUMIAS	3.85	1.35	-2.56%	1.85	1.90	-2.63%	517,600	1,530,000,000	2,830,500,000.0	-1.77	-1.05	0.27	0.00	0.00%
UNGA	56.50	32.00	13.21%	46.75	45.00	3.89%	3,100	75,708,873	3,539,389,812.8	3.65	12.81	0.76	0.75	1.60%
TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY														
SAFARICOM	17.90	11.85	11.03%	15.45	15.60	-0.96%	8,370,500	40,065,428,000	619,010,862,600.0	0.80	19.31	7.73	0.64	4.14%

MARKET DATA

Equities & Bonds

Share Price Performance Scorecard

SCORECARD AS AT 13TH AUG 2015								
NAME	PREVIOUS	CLOSE	% 1D	% 5D	% 1M	% 3M	% 6M	% 1Y
A BAUMANN	11.10	11.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATLAS DEVPNT & SPPTY SERV	9.50	9.50	0.00	0.00	-12.04	-14.41	-20.50	-
ATHI RIVER MINING	64.50	63.50	-1.55	2.42	-13.01	-18.06	-26.16	-22.56
BAMBURI	154.00	154.00	0.00	-0.65	1.99	1.32	1.32	-11.49
BARCLAYS KEN	14.85	14.80	-0.34	4.23	-2.95	-4.21	-11.38	-13.20
BAT KENYA	790.00	789.00	-0.13	6.91	11.44	2.07	-12.33	12.71
BOC KENYA	130.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	-6.47	0.00	-12.75	-7.80
BRITISH AMERICAN	19.65	18.80	-4.33	4.44	4.44	-20.00	-35.17	-22.47
CAR & GENERAL	42.00	44.00	0.00	-6.15	-6.67	-8.70	-19.23	-4.55
CARBACID INV	16.95	16.95	0.00	-1.74	-5.31	-15.25	-31.52	-35.43
CENTUM INV	54.00	52.00	-3.70	1.96	-15.45	-16.80	-16.80	7.22
CFC STANBIC BANK	93.50	95.50	2.14	-4.50	-13.18	-23.60	-27.10	-25.39
CIC INSURANCE	7.80	7.70	-1.28	1.32	0.00	-15.38	-30.32	0.00
CO-OP BANK	19.60	19.70	0.51	0.51	-6.19	-10.45	-1.50	3.41
CROWN BERGER	70.50	66.50	-5.67	4.72	15.65	-58.70	-55.67	-36.06
DIAMOND KEN	201.00	201.00	0.00	-1.47	-8.64	-15.55	-17.28	-17.62
EA CABLES	15.00	14.95	-0.33	-3.55	-6.56	2.05	-4.78	-8.56
EA PORT CEM	60.00	60.00	0.00	1.69	0.00	11.11	-14.29	-20.00
EAAGADS	29.75	32.50	9.24	-0.76	-9.72	-1.52	-18.75	-2.99
EA AFR BREW	309.00	301.00	-2.59	1.35	4.15	-1.63	-9.34	1.35
EQUITY BANK	42.50	42.00	-1.18	5.00	-6.15	-11.58	-20.75	-7.18
EVEREADY EA	3.65	3.35	-8.22	-6.94	-16.25	-12.99	-26.37	9.84
EXPRESS KEN	5.05	5.05	0.00	9.78	-2.88	-7.34	-19.84	-17.21
FLAME TREE HLDNGS	7.35	7.60	3.40	5.56	-9.52	-15.56	-12.64	-
G WILLIAMSON	395.00	395.00	0.00	0.00	-1.00	44.16	31.67	46.30
HUTCHINGS BIEMER	20.25	20.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOME AFRICA LIMITED	2.35	2.35	0.00	-6.00	-16.07	-24.19	0.00	0.00
HOUSING FIN	23.50	23.50	0.00	11.90	-12.15	-28.24	-42.33	-47.19
I&M HOLDING	106.00	106.00	0.00	0.00	-7.83	-20.90	-13.11	0.00
JUBILEE HLDS	565.00	565.00	0.00	0.89	0.53	-0.88	4.82	48.68
KAKUZI	352.00	379.00	7.67	16.62	14.85	26.33	55.33	122.94
KAPCHORUA	225.00	225.00	0.00	1.81	32.35	80.00	59.57	66.67
KEN ORCHARDS	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4.76	-9.09	852.38
KENGEN	8.30	8.30	0.00	-0.60	-7.26	-11.70	-19.02	-18.23
KENYA AIRWAYS	6.05	5.90	-2.48	13.46	-15.71	-15.11	-44.08	-43.54
KENYA COM BK	48.75	48.25	-1.03	4.89	-12.27	-16.09	-18.22	-12.27
KENOLKOBIL	8.60	8.70	1.16	2.96	6.75	0.58	-13.00	8.07
KENYA POWER	16.45	16.45	0.00	3.13	-2.66	-2.37	2.49	14.24
KENYA RE	16.85	17.90	6.23	8.81	1.42	3.17	-2.72	1.42
KURWITU	1500.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
LIBERTY HOLDINGS	22.00	21.25	-3.41	1.19	-13.27	-14.14	-13.27	18.72
LIMURU TEA	1090.00	1090.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.74	7.18	62.69
LONGHORN	7.00	6.75	-3.57	-2.17	-6.25	-15.09	-28.19	-60.06
MARSHALL	10.80	10.80	0.00	-10.00	-10.00	-9.62	-9.24	20.00
MUMIAS SUGAR	1.90	1.85	-2.63	-7.50	-13.95	-7.50	-35.09	-19.57
NAIROBI SECURITIES	20.00	20.25	1.25	2.27	0.00	6.58	-1.22	-
NATION MEDIA	179.00	179.00	0.00	-2.19	-6.77	-17.51	-32.71	-42.44
NATL BANK KEN	19.50	19.20	-1.54	-4.00	0.79	-4.00	-23.96	-30.18
NIC BANK	50.00	49.75	-0.50	1.53	-2.45	-14.96	-21.03	-21.65
OLYMPIA CAPITAL	4.65	4.55	-2.15	-6.19	-9.00	-9.00	-29.46	-9.00
PAN AFR INS	70.00	70.00	0.00	4.48	-6.67	-44.00	-40.68	-45.31
REA VIPINGO	27.50	27.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SAFARICOM	15.60	15.45	-0.96	11.15	-2.52	-4.04	4.04	21.18
SAMEER AFRICA	4.90	4.75	-3.06	-4.04	-5.00	-7.77	-28.57	-25.20
SASINI	15.00	17.00	13.33	6.92	3.66	5.59	26.39	9.68
WPP SCANGROUP	37.25	37.50	0.67	3.45	-6.25	-11.24	-16.67	-17.58
STANDARD GRP	39.00	39.00	0.00	1.96	8.33	3.31	-4.88	18.18
STD CHART KEN	280.00	280.00	0.00	3.32	-12.50	-12.50	-18.84	-10.26
TOTAL KENYA	22.75	23.00	1.10	13.58	3.37	1.10	-16.36	-2.13
TPS (EA)	33.00	33.00	0.00	2.33	-5.71	-7.69	-12.00	-8.33
TRANSCENTURY	15.05	15.00	-0.33	3.45	3.09	9.89	0.00	0.00
UCHUMI SUPER	6.70	7.00	4.48	6.87	-20.90	-33.65	-39.39	-46.15
UNGA GROUP	45.00	46.75	3.89	10.00	3.89	3.89	3.31	41.67

Corporate Bonds

AUGUST 13TH, 2015	BONDS LISTED AT THE NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE						
	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	ISSUED VALUE IN MILLIONS	COUPON (%)	PREVIOUS PRICE (%)	TOTAL VALUE TRADED(KSH)	
CORPORATE BONDS							
CENTUM BOND SENIOR UNSECURED FIXED RATE AND EQUITY LINKED NOTES							
CTNB.BD.18.09.17/13.50	26-SEP-12	18-SEP-17	2,917.10	13.5000	105.2550		
CTNB.BD.18.09.17/12.75	26-SEP-12	18-SEP-17	1,250.80	12.7500	99.9620		
CTNB.BD.08.06.20/13	15-JUN-15	8-JUN-20	3,899.22	13.0000			
CTNB.BD.08.06.20/12.5	15-JUN-15	8-JUN-20	2,100.77	12.5000			
CTNB.BD.08.06.20/12.5V	15-JUN-15	8-JUN-20	2,100.77				
CONSOLIDATED BANK OF KENYA LTD MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME							
CON.BD-FXD(SN)/2012/7YR	30-JUL-12	24-JUL-19	1,480.60	13.2500	99.1677		
CON.BD-FXD(SBN)/2012/7YR	30-JUL-12	22-JUL-19	196.50	13.6000	100.0000		
CON.BD-FR(SN)/2012/7YR	30-JUL-12	22-JUL-19	1.00				
SHELTER AFRIQUE MEDIUM TERM NOTES							
FXD 2/2012/3YR 2ND TRANCHE	17-DEC-12	14-DEC-15	500.00	12.7500	100.7057		
FXD 1/13/05YR	30-SEP-13	24-SEP-18	4,239.70	12.7500	100.0000		
FR 1/13/05YR	30-SEP-13	24-SEP-18	760.30				
MRM							
FR (MRM) 2008/8YR	27-OCT-08	17-OCT-16	621.50		100.0000		
FXD (MRM) 2008/8YR	27-OCT-08	17-OCT-16	1,378.50	13.0000	100.0000		
CFC STANBIC BANK SENIOR & SUBORDINATED BOND ISSUE							
FR (CFC STANBIC) 2009/7YR	7-JUL-09	7-JUL-16	97.91		100.0000		
FXD (CFC STANBIC) 2009/7YR	7-JUL-09	7-JUL-16	2,402.09	12.5000	100.0000		
KENGEN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE BOND OFFER 2019							
FXIB 1/2009/10YR	2-NOV-09	31-OCT-19	14,062.00	12.5000	101.8271		
SAFARICOM LTD DOMESTIC MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
FR2 (SAFARICOM LTD) 2009/5YR	20-DEC-10	20-DEC-15	200.00		93.8370		
FXD2 (SAFARICOM LTD) 2009/5YR	20-DEC-10	20-DEC-15	4,287.00	8.0000	103.0000		
HOUSING FINANCE MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
FXD (HFCK) 02/2012/7YR 2ND TRANCHE	22-OCT-12	14-OCT-19	2,969.10	13.0000	100.0000		
FR (HFCK) 2010/7YR	26-OCT-10	2-OCT-17	1,166.50				
FXD (HFCK) 2010/7YR	26-OCT-10	2-OCT-17	5,864.40	8.5000	94.6653		
I&M MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
FXD I&M-01/13/5.25	13-DEC-13	8-MAR-19	3,429.00	12.8000	100.0000		
FRN I&M-01/13/5.25	13-DEC-13	8-MAR-19	226.00				
BRITAM MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
BRTB.BD.22/07/19-0037-13	22-JUL-14	15-JUL-19	6,000.00	13.0000	99.9562		
UAP HOLDINGS MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
UAP.BD.22.07.2019	28-JUL-14	22-JUL-19	2,000.00	13.0000	99.9807		
NIC MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
NIC.BD.09/09/19-0039-12.5	8-SEP-14	9-SEP-19	5,514.50	12.5000	97.8453		
CIC INSURANCE GROUP LTD MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
CIC.BD.22.07.2019	8-OCT-14	2-OCT-19	5,000.00	13.0000	102.4933		
CFC STANBIC MULTICURRENCY MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
CFCB.BD.08/12/21-0042-12.95	15-DEC-14	8-DEC-21	5,080.00	12.9500	102.0180		
CBA FIXED MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
CBAB.BD.14/12/20-0041-12.75	22-DEC-14	14-DEC-20	7,000.00	12.7500	100.9239		
EABL FIXED MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
EABB.BD.19/03/18-0043-12.25	23-MAR-15	19-MAR-18	9,047.35	12.2500	100.2003		
CHASE BANK FIXED MEDIUM TERM NOTE							
CHBD.BD.02/06/22-0044-13.5	10-JUN-15	2-JUN-22	4,822.40	13.2500	99.9882		

Kenya Treasury and Infrastructure Bonds

BONDS LISTED AT THE NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE					AUGUST 13, 2015		
	ISSUE	MATURITY	ISSUED	COUPON	TRADED	PREVIOUS	TOTAL VALUE
	DATE	DATE	VALUE IN MNS	(%)	YIELD (%)	PRICE(%)	TRADED(KSH)
ISSUE NO.							
TWO YEAR BONDS							
FXD 3/2013/2YR	26-AUG-13	24-AUG-15	17,927.40	12.9390		100.8908	
FXD 4/2013/2YR	24-DEC-13	21-DEC-15	25,251.00	11.5530		100.6244	
FXD 1/2014/2YR	24-MAR-14	21-MAR-16	20,000.00	10.8030		100.0237	
FXD 2/2014/2YR	26-MAY-14	23-MAY-16	20,130.15	10.7930		99.9909	
FXD 3/2014/2YR	25-MAY-15	22-MAY-17	20,223.35	10.8900		97.9678	
FXD 1/2015/2YR	23-JAN-15	20-FEB-17	23,592.55	11.4700		101.0594	
FXD 2/2015/2YR	29-JUN-15	26-JUN-17	7,194.56	12.6290		100.3199	
FIVE YEAR BONDS							
FXD 2/2010/5YR	30-NOV-10	23-NOV-15	14,973.10	6.6710		98.3936	

MARKET DATA

Global Markets & Currencies

Currencies

Kenya Shilling

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL	MEAN
US DOLLAR	101.07	101.24	101.15
STG POUND	157.80	158.08	157.94
EURO	112.51	112.73	112.62
SA RAND	7.94	7.96	7.95
KES / USHS	34.97	35.13	35.05
KES / TSHS	20.89	21.03	20.96
KES / RWF	6.77	6.85	6.81
KES / BIF	15.12	15.25	15.18
AE DIRHAM	27.52	27.56	27.54
CAN \$	77.94	78.11	78.02
S FRANC	103.46	103.66	103.56
JPY (100)	81.22	81.37	81.29
SW KRONER	11.75	11.77	11.76
NOR KRONER	12.39	12.42	12.41
DAN KRONER	15.10	15.13	15.11
IND RUPEE	1.56	1.56	1.56
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.04	13.06	13.05
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	72.48	72.62	72.55
SAUDI RYIAL	26.94	26.99	26.96
CHINESE YUAN	15.75	15.79	15.77
AUSTRALIAN \$	74.61	74.78	74.69

SOURCE: CBK

US Dollar

BACKGROUND	BID	ASK
EURO	1.11	1.11
JAPANESE YEN	124.48	124.51
BRITISH POUND	1.56	1.56
SWISS FRANC	0.98	0.98
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.73	0.73
SWEDISH KRONA	8.50	8.50
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.30	1.30
CHINESE YUAN	6.40	6.40
NORWEGIAN KRONE	8.15	8.15
BOSNIAN MARK	1.77	1.77
DANISH KRONE	6.71	6.71
RUSSIA ROUBLE	64.15	64.25
TURKISH LIRA	2.79	2.79
ICELAND KRONA	132.17	132.49
INDIAN RUPEE	65.19	65.21
POLISH ZLOTY	3.76	3.77
CZECH KORUNA	24.28	24.33
HUNGARIAN FORINT	279.70	280.00
UKRAINE HRYVNIA	21.50	21.70
ISRAEL SHEKEL	3.81	3.81
ALBANIAN LEK	125.22	126.12
BULGARIAN LEV	1.76	1.76
SERBIAN DINAR	59.99	60.19
CYPRUS POUND	0.40	0.40
ESTONIAN KROON	11.70	11.71
GEORGIAN LARI	2.31	2.33
THAI BAHT	35.27	35.29
GIBRALTAR POUND	1.56	1.56
CROATIAN KUNA	6.78	6.79
KAZAKHSTAN TENGE	188.05	188.07
LITHUANIA LITAS	2.85	2.85
LATVIAN LATS	0.51	0.51
MOLDOVAN LEU	18.79	19.05
MACEDONIA DENAR	55.11	55.51
MALTESE LIRA	3.41	3.42
ROMANIAN LEU	3.96	3.97
SLOVAK KORUNA	21.55	21.60
SERBIAN DINAR	107.67	108.09
ARMENIAN DRAM	476.70	479.70
UAE DIRHAM	3.67	3.67
ANGOLAN KWANZA	125.45	126.45
BURUNDI FRANC	1,534.80	1,584.80
BOTSWANA PULA	0.10	0.10
CONGO FRANC	913.00	943.00
CAPE VERDE ESCUDO	99.05	100.15
DIJIBOUTI FRANC	177.00	178.00
ALGERIAN DINAR	103.11	103.33
EGYPT POUND	7.83	7.83
ETHIOPIAN BIRR	20.59	20.99
GHANAIAN CEDI	4.00	4.06
GAMBIA DALASI	39.30	40.30
ERITREA NAFKA	14.95	15.45
GUINEA FRANC	7,000.01	7,500.01
KENYA SHILLING	101.75	101.95
COMORO FRANC	444.90	445.90
LIBERIAN DOLLAR	84.00	89.00
LESOTHO LOTI	12.78	12.80
LIBYAN DINAR	1.38	1.38
MOROCCAN DIRHAM	9.73	9.79
MALAGASY ARIARY	3,278.00	3,335.00
MAURITANIAOUGUIYA	316.00	328.64
MALAWI KWACHA	525.00	545.10
MOZAMBIQUEMETICAL	38.61	39.50
NIGERIAN NAIRA	198.85	199.15
RWANDA FRANC	685.00	696.00
SC RUPEE	12.62	13.26
SUDANESE DINAR	200.02	201.02
SUDAN POUND	2,025.50	2,035.60
ST HELENA POUND	1.56	1.56
SIERRALEONLEON	4,600.00	4,676.00
SAO TOME DOBRA	21,371.00	22,695.00
SOMALI SHILLING	661.00	668.00
SWAZILAND LILAGENI	12.78	12.81
TUNISIAN DINAR	1.95	1.96
TANZANIA SHILLING	2,128.00	2,138.00
UGANDA SHILLING	3,538.00	3,558.00
CFA FRANC	589.84	593.84
CFA FRANC	589.89	598.89
MAURITIUS RUPEE	35.31	35.51
SOUTH AFRICA RAND	12.79	12.79
ZIMBABWE DOLLAR	378.00	381.00

Global Indexes

	DAILY		YTD		52 WEEK	3-YR			
INDEX (REGION/COUNTRY)	CLOSE	CHG	% CHG	% CHG	HIGH	LOW	% CHG	% CHG	
GLOBAL									
THE GLOBAL DOW (WORLD)	2,501.64	-16.57	-0.66	-0.002	2,639.52	2,378.15	-2.5	10	
THE GLOBAL DOW EURO (WORLD)	2,105.14	-41.18	-1.92	8.1	2,305.98	1,752.10	16.6	13.6	
DJ GLOBAL INDEX (WORLD)	323.42	-1.92	-0.59	0.8	341.62	301.71	-0.5	9.5	
DJ GLOBAL EX U.S. (WORLD)	225.32	-2.84	-1.25	0.1	248.65	217.05	-7.3	5.1	
ASIA PACIFIC									
DJ ASIA-PACIFIC TSM (ASIA-PACIFIC)	1,439.41	-19.65	-1.35	0.9	1,619.39	1,384.31	-5.3	5.5	
ALL ORDINARIES (AUSTRALIA)	5,383.50	-89.6	-1.64	-0.1	5,954.80	5,131.00	-2.3	7.8	
S & P/ASX 200 (AUSTRALIA)	5,382.10	-91.1	-1.66	-0.5	5,982.70	5,152.30	-2.4	8	
DOW JONES CHINA 88 (CHINA)	298.62	-3.53	-1.17	0.8	408.69	185.09	56.9	14.4	
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE (CHINA)	3,886.32	-41.59	-1.06	20.1	5,166.35	2,195.82	74.8	21.5	
HANG SENG (HONG KONG)	23,916.02	-582.19	-2.38	1.3	28,442.75	22,585.84	-3.9	5.9	
S & P BSE SENSEX (INDIA)	27,512.26	-353.83	-1.27	0.05	29,681.77	25,918.95	6.1	16.2	
JAKARTA COMPOSITE (INDONESIA)	4,479.49	-143.1	-3.1	-14.3	5,523.29	4,479.49	-13.3	2.6	
NIKKEI 300 (JAPAN)	338.00	-4.17	-1.22	18.8	343.20	238.07	32.6	30.5	
NIKKEI STOCK AVG (JAPAN)	20,392.77	-327.98	-1.58	16.9	20,868.03	14,532.51	34	31.9	
TOPIX INDEX (JAPAN)	1,665.75	-21.85	-1.29	18.3	1,691.29	1,177.22	32	30.7	
KUALA LUMPUR COMPOSITE (MALAYSIA)	1,609.93	-26.78	-1.64	-8.6	1,878.89	1,609.93	-13.4	-0.7	
NZSX-50 (NEW ZEALAND)	5,757.22	-65.13	-1.12	3.4	5,957.85	5,054.70	13.9	17.2	
KSE 100 (PAKISTAN)	35,892.77	-313.17	-0.86	11.7	36,228.88	27,774.43	25.9	34.5	
PSEI (PHILIPPINES)	7,495.43	-75.02	-0.99	3.7	8,127.48	6,946.06	7.3	12.5	
STRAITS TIMES (SINGAPORE)	3,061.49	-91.57	-2.9	-9	3,539.95	3,061.49	-7.3	0.1	
KOSPI (SOUTH KOREA)	1,975.47	-11.18	-0.56	3.1	2,173.41	1,882.45	-4.2	0.5	
COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE (SRI LANKA)	7,471.90	12.98	0.17	2.4	7,605.79	6,782.43	7.4	15.5	
WEIGHTED (TAIWAN)	8,283.38	-110.76	-1.32	-11	9,973.12	8,283.38	-10.3	3.6	
SET (THAILAND)	1,408.32	...	CLOSED	-6	1,615.89	1,408.07	-7.4	4.9	
EUROPE									
STOXX EUROPE 600 (EUROPE)	382.99	-10.62	-2.7	11.8	414.06	310.03	16.1	12.4	
STOXX EUROPE 50 (EUROPE)	3,310.12	-94.93	-2.79	10.2	3,591.47	2,781.33	12.8	8.9	
EURO STOXX 50 (EURO ZONE)	3,484.41	-120.87	-3.35	10.7	3,828.78	2,874.65	14	12.9	
EURO STOXX (EURO ZONE)	359.57	-11.56	-3.11	12.5	392.35	288.41	16.9	14.4	
ATX (AUSTRIA)	2,414.37	-54.1	-2.19	11.8	2,681.44	2,032.13	6.3	5.6	
BEL-20 (BELGIUM)	3,637.13	-113.71	-3.03	10.7	3,905.71	2,887.73	17.2	15.8	
PX 50 (CZECH REPUBLIC)	1,022.50	-14.92	-1.44	8	1,058.40	901.30	5.5	3.3	
OMX COPENHAGEN (DENMARK)	866.69	-21.41	-2.41	28.3	923.55	611.68	32	24.9	
OMX HELSINKI (FINLAND)	8,378.75	-216.3	-2.52	8	9,374.42	7,010.83	13.3	15.7	
CAC 40 (FRANCE)	4,925.43	-173.6	-3.4	15.3	5,268.91	3,918.62	17.4	12.8	
DAX (GERMANY)	10,924.61	-369.04	-3.27	11.4	12,374.73	8,571.95	18.8	16.3	
BUX (HUNGARY)	22,202.01	-80.39	-0.36	33.5	22,850.53	15,686.69	27.4	7.6	
FTSE MIB (ITALY)	22,997.55	-700.94	-2.96	21	24,031.19	18,078.97	17.7	16.5	
AEX (NETHERLANDS)	477.42	-16.94	-3.43	12.5	509.24	376.27	20.8	12.7	
ALL-SHARES (NORWAY)	662.70	-6.08	-0.91	6.9	711.22	575.27	0.1	11.2	
WIG (POLAND)	52,554.93	-379.41	-0.72	2.2	57,379.45	50,058.56	3.1	7.9	
PSI 20 (PORTUGAL)	5,454.19	-62.18	-1.13	13.7	6,324.88	4,606.25	UNCH.	4	
RTS INDEX (RUSSIA)	831.57	1.24	0.15	5.2	1,275.60	629.15	-31.9	-16.5	
IBEX 35 (SPAIN)	10,880.10	-272.2	-2.44	5.8	11,866.40	9,669.70	5.6	15.6	
SX ALL SHARE (SWEDEN)	520.23	-12.2	-2.29	9.8	564.90	405.51	18.4	16	
SWISS MARKET (SWITZERLAND)	9,183.88	-240.53	-2.55	2.2	9,526.79	7,899.59	9.5	12.3	
BIST 100 (TURKEY)	78,174.81	-1545.18	-1.94	-8.8	91,412.94	72,943.50	0.7	6.3	
FTSE 100 (U.K.)	6,571.19	-93.35	-1.4	0.1	7,104.00	6,182.70	-1.3	4	
FTSE 250 (U.K.)	17,438.09	-228.87	-1.3	8.4	18,263.46	14,426.74	12.3	15	
AMERICAS									
DJ AMERICAS (AMERICAS)	506.80	0.35	0.07	-0.1	524.44	464.33	3.2	11.8	
MERVAL (ARGENTINA)	11,635.79	37.36	0.32	35.6	12,593.07	7,581.72	36.5	69	
SAO PAULO BOVESPA (BRAZIL)	48,388.05	-684.29	-1.39	-3.2	61,895.98	46,907.68	-12.9	-6.5	
S & P/TSX COMP (CANADA)	14,339.53	-75.14	-0.52	-2	15,657.63	13,705.14	-6	6.4	
SANTIAGO IPSA (CHILE)	3,075.02	-6.35	-0.21	-2.8	3,377.92	3,018.91	-5.8	-9.8	
IPC ALL-SHARE (MEXICO)	44,032.38	-347.41	-0.78	2.1	46,357.24	40,225.08	-1.5	2.5	
CARACAS GENERAL (VENEZUELA)	15,374.66	-51.72	-0.34	298.4	15,580.47	2,319.69	562.8	291.4	

SOURCE: WSJ MARKETS

Global Indices

NAME	LOCATION	LAST		NET.CHNG	PCT.CHNG	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
DJ INDU AVERAGE	NEW YORK	17,402.51	▼	-0.33	0.00%	17,382.93	17,423.90	17,125.81	17,402.84
FTSE EUROTOP 100	LONDON	3,088.77	▲	55.81	1.84%	3,037.91	3,089.04	3,037.91	3,032.96
XETRA DAX PF/D	FRANKFURT	11,126.02	▲	201.41	1.84%	11,098.17	11,126.51	11,013.91	10,924.61
CAC 40 INDEX/D	PARIS	5,015.39	▲	89.96	1.83%	5,006.01	5,023.94	4,986.58	4,925.43
FTSE MIB/D	MILAN	23,509.28	▲	511.73	2.23%	23,347.39	23,523.27	23,255.67	22,997.55
SMI PR/D	SWITZERLAND	9,378.41	▲	194.53	2.12%	9,315.25	9,381.37	9,308.31	9,183.88
HANG SENG INDE/D	HONG KONG	24,018.80	▲	102.78	0.43%	23,935.48	24,133.87	23,860.82	23,916.02
NIKKEI 225 INDEX	TOKYO	20,595.55	▲	202.78	0.99%	20,392.54	20,633.91	20,306.98	20,392.77
ALL ORDINARIES	AUSTRALIA	5,389.00	▲	5.46	0.10%	5,383.50	5,425.00	5,383.50	5,383.55
STRAITS TIMES/D	SINGAPORE	3,986.03	▲	39.98	1.01%	3,956.55	4,001.13	3,949.70	3,946.05
SSE COMPOSITE/D	SHANGHAI	3,954.78	▲	68.46	1.76%	3,869.91	3,955.79	3,838.16	3,886.32
S&P SENSEX/D	MUMBAI	27,549.53	▲	37.27	0.14%	27,635.25	27,791.10	27,496.29	27,512.26

FTSE 100

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	NET.CHNG	PCT.CHNG
ANGLO AMERICAN/D	773.60	770.00	3.60	0.47%
ASSOC.BR.FOODS/D	3244.00	3179.00	65.00	2.04%
ADMIRAL GROUP/D	1465.00	1433.00	32.00	2.23%
ABDN.ASSET.MAN/D	340.18	340.80	-0.70	-0.21%
AGGREKO/D	1102.00	1108.00	-6.00	-0.54%
ANTOFAGASTA/D	578.00	574.00	4.00	0.70%
ARM HOLDINGS/D	938.50	916.00	22.50	2.46%
ASHMORE/D	264.00	253.20	10.80	4.27%
AVIVA PLC/D	513.00	509.50	3.50	0.69%
ASTRAZENCA/D	4307.00	4288.50	18.50	0.43%
BAE SYSTEMS/D	466.70	460.00	6.70	1.46%
BARCLAYS/D	276.65	271.15	5.50	2.03%
BRIT AM TOBACC/D	3769.00	3707.50	61.50	1.66%
BG GROUP/D	1099.50	1100.00	-0.50	-0.05%
BR LAND CO/D	868.50	858.50	10.00	1.16%
BHP BILLITON/D	1166.00	1147.00	19.00	1.66%
BUNZL/D	1853.00	1827.00	26.00	1.42%
BPD	387.01	383.60	3.45	0.90%
BURBERRY GRP/D	1517.00	1482.00	35.00	2.36%
BT GROUP/D	455.05	461.40	-6.35	-1.38%
CARNIVAL/D	3461.00	3426.00	35.00	1.02%
CENRICA/D	268.86	268.40	0.50	0.19%
COMPASS GROUP/D	1037.00	1023.00	14.00	1.37%
CAPITA PLC/D	1288.36	1279.00	10.00	0.78%
CRODA INTL/D	3107.00	3054.00	53.00	1.74%
CRH/D	1940.48	1899.00	40.00	2.11%
DIAGEO/D	1767.00	1775.00	-8.00	-0.45%
MAN GROUP/D	163.00	159.20	3.80	2.39%
EVRAZ PLC/D	97.00	95.70	1.30	1.36%
EXPERIAN/D	1166.00	1155.00	11.00	0.95%
FRESNILLO/D	665.50	661.50	4.00	0.60%
G4S/D	257.90	269.90	-12.00	-4.45%
GKN/D	305.70	302.60	3.10	1.02%
GLENCORE/D	182.08	180.20	1.85	1.03%
GLAXOSMITHKLIN/D	1421.00	1419.00	2.00	0.14%
HAMMERSON/D	683.00	672.00	11.00	1.64%
HARGREAVES LS/D	1170.00	1155.00	15.00	1.30%
HSBC HOLDINGS/D	566.90	563.60	3.30	0.59%
ICAP PLC/D	487.80	480.40	7.40	1.54%
IAG/D	537.00	525.50	11.50	2.19%
INTERCONT HOTE/D	2517.00	2483.00	34.00	1.37%
IMI PLC/D	1047.00	1046.00	1.00	0.10%
IMPERIAL TOBAC/D	3306.00	3276.00	30.00	0.92%
INTERTEK GROUP/D	2676.00	2655.00	21.00	0.79%
ITV/D	261.10	254.40	6.70	2.63%
JOHNSON MATTHE/D	2864.00	2815.00	49.00	1.74%
KAZ MINERALS/D	155.10	157.00	-1.90	-1.21%
KINGFISHER/D	372.00	368.90	3.10	0.84%
LAND SECS GROU/D	1326.00	1307.00	19.00	1.45%
LEGAL & GENERA/D	272.84	270.60	2.20	0.81%
LLOYDS BNK GRP/D	80.14	80.16	-0.02	-0.02%
MEGGITT PLC/D	501.75	499.20	2.80	0.56%
MARKS & SP./D	540.50	531.00	9.50	1.79%
MORRISON SUPMK/D	177.27	175.70	1.60	0.91%
NATIONAL GRID/D	872.90	861.10	11.80	1.37%
NEXT/D	7995.00	7890.00	105.00	1.33%
OLD MUTUAL/D	221.90	218.50	3.40	1.56%
PETROFAC/D	854.00	830.00	24.00	2.89%
POLYMETAL INT/D	454.20	448.70	5.50	1.23%
PRUDENTIAL/D	1560.75	1536.50	24.00	1.56%
PEARSON/D	1151.75	1166.00	-15.00	-1.29%
RECKIT BNCSR G/D	6028.00	5954.00	74.00	1.24%
ROYAL BANK SCO/D	343.00	339.00	4.00	1.18%
RDS 'A/D	1863.50	1877.50	-14.00	-0.75%
RELX/D	1087.75	1070.00	18.00	1.68%
ROYAL DTCH SHL/D	1876.50	1890.50	-14.00	-0.74%
REXAM/D	556.64	555.00	1.50	0.27%
RIO TINTO/D	2494.00	2554.50	-60.50	-2.37%
ROLLS ROYCE PL/D	799.00	800.00	-1.00	-0.13%
RANDGOLD RES./D	4084.00	4166.00	-82.00	-1.97%
RSA INSURANCE G/D	509.50	504.50	5.00	0.99%
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VEDAFONE GROUP/D	240.70	236.45	4.25	1.80%
WEIR GROUP/D	1506.00	1489.00	17.00	1.14%
WOLSELEY/D	4253.00	4181.00	72.00	1.72%
WPP PLC/D	1439.00	1415.00	24.00	1.70%
WHITBREAD/D	5210.00	5155.00	55.00	1.07%
KENYA AIRWAYS/D	5.80	6.05	-0.25	-4.13%

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» In the Headlines

Top cop Boinnet up against bad boys on the beat

» **CORRUPTION** Allegations of police cover-up after a recent road accident have put IG on the spot

BY ALLAN ODHIAMBO

From his past stint as an intelligence officer, Joseph Boinnet knows too well the tricks and sensations that come with information manipulation.

A cardinal principle in the spy world is engaging your subject with altered or entirely falsified facts but with known deceitful intentions.

In the past two weeks, however, the Inspector General of Police has found himself on the receiving end, having to deal with embarrassing perfidy engineered by his own officers following an accident on the Nairobi-Limuru highway that claimed the life of Mercy Njeri and left her husband Martin Mbugua Ndung'u nursing serious injuries.

Mr Boinnet appears to have been duped into supporting a cover-up plotted by some of his officers after a car suspected to belong to televangelist James Ng'ang'a of Neno Evangelism was involved in the accident that claimed Njeri's life in the Tigoni area of Kiambu.

Witnesses claim Pastor Ng'ang'a was driving the Range Rover, but with the support of traffic police officers who attended the scene, he has denied the reports.

Mr Boinnet initially went public and sided with his officers, but made a hasty turnaround and questioned their integrity following uproar by Kenyans on social media who demanded justice for Njeri. The police chief then ordered an investigation into the conduct of his officers.

It was a baptism of fire, and a well-

come gesture from the Inspector General of Police, who replaced David Kimaiyo who had been forced to resign following a series of security goofs.

As the Tigoni matter comes up in court, Mr Boinnet is facing a deepening challenge of cleaning the rot in the services he heads, and where he started his career in 1984.

It also revealed that apart from just manipulating police records, "volunteer suspects" can also emerge as individuals seek to take advantage of lapses within the system.

In the Limuru accident case, Simon Kuria, donning a neck brace, presented himself as the driver of the killer Range Rover, but police investigations have proved otherwise.

For a man used to cracking serious crimes, the

Tigoni case must be giving the police chief a sneak preview of the rot at Vigilance House. Lately, incidents of police officers engaging in robberies, kidnappings, murders and other crimes have been rising, piling more pressure on Mr Boinnet, a graduate of the Australian National University, who has barely been in office for eight months after crossing over from the National Intelligence Service.

Only two weeks ago, Peter Gachie Matiru, who is attached to the Nakuru Central Police Station, was charged with three counts of robbery with violence, a day after his brother Eliud Waititu and his wife Elizabeth Wambui were slapped with similar charges.

In the first count, the police officer is accused of robbing Titus Koech at gunpoint of property worth Sh69 million. The property included a Sh9 million lorry that was transporting 1,994 computers worth Sh15.7 million and 1,438 mobile phones worth Sh35 million. The lorry was also carrying assorted garments worth Sh9.7 million. Further, the officer

jointly with others, is accused of violently robbing Abdi Farah Jama of belongings valued at Sh7,700, and Abdishukri Ali Nur Mohamed of personal items worth Sh7,600. He is alleged to have robbed the three motorists at Salgaa along the Nakuru-Eldoret highway on July 15.

In the same month the country was treated to yet another round of shock after a Judiciary task force revealed that thousands of

Kenyans are languishing in police cells for offences not existent in the law.

In Nairobi's Kamukunji Police Station, for example, the task force that was appointed by Chief Justice Willy Mutunga to review bail and bonds terms found that several people arrested from a construction site had been booked for an offence indicated in the occurrence book as "city planning".

"Of great concern to the task force, was some suspects whose 'offences' are non-existent in the law contrary to the constitutional requirements under Article 50 (n) entitling an accused person the right not to be convicted for an act or omission, which at the time of commission or omission was not an

offence under Kenyan law or international law," the team headed by High Court Judge Lydia Achode said in a report.

In Kisii, police officers sought to justify the detention of an arrested person charged with petty crimes being held in custody by saying he'd probably disappear if given personal bond, or lynched if released.

The Judiciary team further established that the police remanded offenders, including those within the category prohibited by the Constitution and the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC).

For example, in the police cells visited at Kisii, Meru, Nyeri, Kitale and Kamukunji, there were suspects who had committed petty crimes ranging from loitering, stealing maize, creating disturbance, being drunk and disorderly and possessing *chang'aa*.

With these embarrassing scenarios, Mr Boinnet has a full in-tray if the Police Service is to win back the confidence of the public.

The police boss seems to have discovered the big role targeted information will play as he attempts to clean up the current mess.

The reinstatement of the eloquent Charles Owino as police spokesman confirms Mr Boinnet may have learned painful lessons from the fiasco surrounding the fatal Limuru crash and other recent gaffes that have left him with egg on his starched uniform.

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Joseph Boinnet

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» Man About Town

Weekends with Gacheri leave Josphat feeling guilty

❏ **AFFAIR** Casual meeting with college girl is unravelling into something steamy

My daughter was two months old and growing bigger by the day. My mother had been staying with us and even Shiro acknowledged that having her around made life much easier.

"Your mum knows how to handle the baby and I am happy that she is here," she told me.

I hoped these feelings would remain for I know how dicey relationships between wives and mothers-in-law can be.

One of the thorny issues between my mum and Shiro had been the naming of the baby. Shiro did not want any tribal name.

"She is going to be a citizen of the world and so I want to name her Maya," she said.

I could care less what the baby is called, but my mother wanted her name to feature prominently with her granddaughter. I did not know how this would play out but for the moment, I was happy that there was peace in my household.

With time I had also managed to dismiss the nagging doubts I had regarding her paternity – Maya is my daughter, no question about it.

I confirmed this by looking at her ears, which

curl at the corners just like mine do, and no amount of tales and rumours could compel me to believe that she is not my daughter. I was also feeling guilty over something that has been going over the last month or so.

At the start of the year, I bumped into one of my mother's friends. She was with her daughter, who seemed shy. "This is Gacheri, my last born and she is in Third Year at the university. She is studying accounting," the woman introduced us.

She went on to sing my praises, saying that we should stay in touch so that I can mentor her daughter and give her advice on how to be successful. I realised that most people in the village thought I am a hotshot executive and I dared not disabuse them of this thought.

A few weeks later, I received a call from a strange number. I answered the phone hesitantly only to hear a timid voice on the line, "This is Gacheri. Hope you remember me. We met you with my mum."

I enthusiastically responded, "Of course, I remember you. How are you doing?"

She told me she was doing great and wanted to "connect with me as soon as possible." I felt flattered by her attention.

The first time we met for coffee, I was stunned by her appearance. She was not wearing the frumpy clothes I had seen her in at the start of the year – she was wearing a form-fitting dress that accentuated curves that I had clearly missed.



Gacheri seemed to think I am the smartest person in the planet and she did not hesitate to tell me, "Haki you are so smart." So any time she was in the city centre, she would call me up to "check on me" and that would lead coffee and soon after, drinks.

During one such meeting, I told her I planned to go to Nakuru to look at some piece of land with some of my friends. I told her, "I'm not sure you would want to do that since we will not be coming back."

She laughed and said, "I do not mind. I would love to see how you acquire property."

Nakuru turned out to be a lot of fun, especially because all my friends had brought along company. After viewing the property, we went out for drinks and dancing. That is how I ended up with Gacheri and that is how weekends out of town to look for property have ended up as weekends away with Gacheri. Given my current situation, I dared not ask about Shiro's alleged infidelity.

Quotable quotes

We are sorry to disappoint those who expected a bloodbath over this matter.

ODM SECRETARY GENERAL ABABU NAMWAMBA AFTER THE PARTY RESOLVED TO ALLOW DEFECTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.



The detectives are tracking me everywhere, even in the toilet, instead of looking for Al-Shabaab and devil worshippers who are killing people....

PASTOR JAMES NG'ANG'A OF THE NENO EVANGELISM CENTRE ACCUSING THE POLICE OF LINKING HIM TO THE CAR THAT KILLED A WOMAN IN TIGONI.



Why is Donald Trump so popular with the far right? Because he has chosen to run at an opportune moment. Conservatives are desperate for a champion. The right feels embittered by the Obama presidency and betrayed by the Republican establishment.

COLUMNIST BILL SCHNEIDER, A PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, ON THE US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

» The arts



Daryl Hannah plays Angelica Turing in 'Sense8' at the Machakos Country Bus Station. MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

Nairobi sensation 'Sense8' to start shooting season II

FILM Past 12 episodes of the online sci-fi drama by Netflix prominently featured Nairobi and Kenyan actors

BY MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

When Netflix, the American provider of Internet streaming media, made the official announcement last weekend that it would be producing the second season of science fiction online drama *Sense8*, one could almost hear the sigh of relief from all the *Sense8* fans in Nairobi who watched Season One religiously. They'd been holding their breath waiting and hoping for this good news.

There are a myriad of reasons for the broad-based popularity of the sci-fi series about eight different people who discover they have a mental and emotional connection that's inexplicable but compelling.

The main reason for its popularity locally is that Nairobi is one of the eight cities where it was filmed and more than 20 Kenyan s are featured in the cast, many of whom are known either for their roles in local TV sit-coms, films like



Nairobi Half-Life or for their work on stage.

Quite a number are extras who only appear on one or two episodes, like Harry Ebale who plays a traffic cop and Krysteen Savane who plays the wife of Jela, the matatu conductor.

But then there are actors like Paul Ogola (who was one of the gangsters in *Nairobi Half-Life* and is a regular with Heartstrings Theatre),

Doona Bae plays Sun Bak who has Ninja tactics in 'Sense8'.

MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

who has a major role as Jela in the Kenyan portions of the series.

Peter King also has a significant part as a crooked killer politician. And Chichi Seii plays the mother of Capheus (Ami Ameen), the "Van Damme" matatu driver from Kibera who works closely with Ogola's conductor Jela, but also connects telepathically with the other members of *Sense8*.

It also didn't hurt that more than 100 Kenyans were part of the production team. According to one of the series' producers, Ginger Wilson of Ginger Ink, many more Kenyans worked as part of the production, either in security (including Kenyan Police whom she says were most cooperative) or as drivers, caterers and other sundry jobs.

All of them spread the word around that *Sense8* was something special to watch.

Unfortunately, Netflix doesn't yet stream its online media to Kenya. Nonetheless, hundreds of Kenyans joined the 65 million Netflix subscribers who began watching the enigmatic series that was launched on June 5.

Lyne Were, like a multitude of Kenyans, started watching the series shortly after the 12th and last episode landed on DVD.

"You may not understand the first episode, but just be patient," said Ms Were. "It will start making sense by the third episode, but wait for the last two episodes. They are absolutely amazing," she said.

While some people had a problem with the series' treatment of gender issues, it has been well received by Kenyans especially because Nairobi plays a prominent role in it.

So do the cityscapes of Berlin, London, Seoul, Mexico City, Reykjavik, Chicago and San Francisco.

The story shifts quickly all over the globe, so fast that one won't know when they'll be brought back to some stunning sight in Nairobi, be it Kibera or KICC, the Globe Cinema flyover or OTC.

But according to Ginger Wilson, Nairobi wasn't the first choice for the screen writers, Lana and Andy Wachowski and J. Michael Straczynski.

"They were thinking about South Africa, but Tom [Twyker, founder of One Fine Day, the film company that partnered with



Chichi Seii plays Capheus' mother in 'Sense8'.

MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

Ginger Ink to make *Nairobi Half-Life*] kept pushing for Nairobi, insisting there was incredible talent right here."

The Wachowskis (makers of *The Matrix Trilogy*) finally agreed. For instance, they thanked Paul Ogola after seeing his performance as Jela, telling him he had given "so much more than they had ever anticipated."

Ogola had heard a few days before Netflix's official announcing of Season Two that he would be in it; but according to Ginger, the choice of cities for the new season are yet to be announced.

"But the main eight leads will definitely be coming back," added Ginger who will be involved if the Wachowskis come back to Kenya.

"Incidentally," she said, "*The Making of Sense8* has just been released so Kenyans will probably have it by next week."

Meanwhile, for live theatre, Nairobi groups are staging Kikuyu comedies: Friends Ensemble are at the Alliance Francaise while Johari Productions are performing at Phoenix Players Theatre.

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'Jurassic World' spurs Universal to world record box office

Universal Pictures made history on Wednesday, becoming the first movie studio to gross \$5.53 billion (Sh553 billion) worldwide in one year, setting an industry record.

Led by the success of films such as *Jurassic World* and *Furious 7*, Comcast Corp's Universal reached the milestone in seven months and beat the previous record of \$5.52 billion worldwide, notched by 20th Century Fox in 2014.

"This tremendous success is a result of continued strategic decision making from our production, marketing and distribution teams, along with strong dating choices," Jeff Shell, chairman

of Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, said in a statement.

Earlier this year, the studio set records for becoming the fastest to reach \$1 billion at the global box office with *Jurassic World*, and \$5 billion worldwide from its cumulative film releases.

Jurassic World, a reboot of Steven Spielberg's hit dinosaur action adventure franchise *Jurassic Park*, scored the biggest opening weekend in history at both the domestic and worldwide box offices when it opened in June. A sequel is set for June 2018.

Universal has so far had five films that have topped the North American box office this year; February's erotic *Fifty Shades of Grey*, April's

Furious 7, May's a capella comedy *Pitch Perfect 2*, June's *Jurassic World* and July's animated *Minions*.

In last month's earnings report, Comcast said revenue at the film studio rose 93 per cent from a year earlier to \$2.3 billion.

Upcoming Universal movies this year include M. Night Shyamalan's horror *The Visit*, drama *Everest*, Aaron Sorkin's *Steve Jobs* biopic and Guillermo Del Toro's gothic horror *Crimson Peak*.

Meanwhile, scathing reviews and an indiscreet tweet left *Fantastic Four* on the slab after the franchise reboot flopped at the weekend box office.

Fox's hopes of rejuvenating the comicbook characters and turning the super-team into a cinematic juggernaut to rival *X-Men* have flamed out given that the film debuted to a dreadful \$26.2 million across 3,995 theaters. With a production budget of \$120 million, plus millions more in marketing costs, the film will need to get a boost from foreign crowds if it wants to avoid being a write-off.

"This turned into a nightmare for Fox," said Jeff Bock, an analyst with Exhibitor Relations. "Everything that could go wrong went wrong and the whole thing fell apart."

- REUTERS

Social media now gives developing nations a forum to speak and be heard

» **COMMUNICATION** Kenya, Zimbabwe have used to Twitter to speak up on issues



BITS FROM DOUG

DOUGLAS KIEREINI

About 18 years ago I attended a multilevel marketing course in Cape Town. One of the topics under the subject of communication was the required speed or urgency of a response from clients. If a response was required in time, a letter addressed to the client would suffice, but where a more speedy response was necessary, an email or fax was recommended. A telephone call was the best way to obtain an urgent response, which could then be confirmed in writing.

Today, the Internet has changed all that and you can reach millions of people and get a response at the touch of a button through social media platforms.

One week ago, an appeal was launched on Twitter under #1MilliForJadudi to raise Sh1 million for a boy who required to travel to India for brain surgery. Within 24 hours Sh6 million had been raised.

Just before President Barack Obama's visit, CNN described Kenya as a "hotbed of terror". That remark irked Kenyans, who expressed their displeasure #SomeoneTellCNN.

The story seemed to galvanise Kenyans and they came out in droves with their usual wit and creativity to chastise CNN on social media.

"Unless you are the one bringing the terror, we are a hotbed of investment opportunities and great people #SomeoneTellCNN", tweeted Chris Kirubi. Another, more light hearted tweep said the POTUS was born in a hotbed in Hawaii. Later President Uhuru Kenyatta was to say, "Kenya is a hotbed of thriving culture and spectacular natural beauty," as he and President Obama addressed the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi.

The response by Kenyans attracted the attention of the international media including BBC, Al Jazeera amongst others and CNN changed their headline, just falling short of issuing an apology.

An activist and whistleblower said recently on an interview with the BBC that, "#KOT (Kenyans on Twitter) is the most important thing in Kenya right now".

#KOT was used to bring down the famous wall at the Lang'ata Road Primary School playground early this year. But #KOT goes beyond activism and promotes brands, celebrities, art, sports, humour and lifestyles.

It appears that social media is replacing mainstream media in rallying Kenyans together. With the current mobile phone penetration at 80 per cent in Kenya, this is a possibility.

Further afield in Zimbabwe, we have seen Facebook users rally opinion against Walter Palmer, a Minnesota dentist, who paid \$50,000 for Cecil the Lion to be killed. The repercussions have been far reaching. Zimbabwe has banned hunts targeting lions, some airlines have suspended transport of animal trophies and, not least of all, Palmer has closed his dental practice and relocated from Min-



nesota. The power of social media!

A cartoon depicting a scene in Palmer's waiting room shows a man and a lion waiting and the lion says to the man, "I am also here to see the dentist but this will be his last appointment."

Elsewhere in Africa, it will be recalled that during the Arab Spring, specifically in Egypt, activists used social media to rally younger people against the incumbent regime and even when authorities clamped down on their networks, they were able to circumvent the process using the Onion Router.

The experience with social media in Britain during the general election is interesting. The Labour Party appears to have relied heavily on social media in its campaign, both in terms of outreach and feedback. However, the Conservatives went the traditional route with rallies in Town Halls and door-to-door campaigns. We know how that ended with the Conservatives taking a shock victory.

The impact of social media is different between countries which have an entrenched and

mature democracy and those that have unitary governments or fledgling democracies. Mature democracies have long established platforms for expressing opinions, such as a free mainstream media with long standing traditions, talk shows, community based radio/TV stations and Town Halls whereas new democracies are more likely to be coming out of a mindset of severely limited freedoms of opinion and a gagged media. Social media is, therefore, a lot more attractive and vibrant in less developed nations.

Unfortunately, there is an inevitable downside with social media where we find proliferation of pornography, hate speech, radicalisation of the youth and outright misinformation. Whereas social media is sometimes difficult to police, the Communications Authority is doing its best to contain wayward users. In the same breath, it is incumbent upon users to act responsibly and with due consideration to other parties.

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Ad-supported music streaming bigger than paid-for downloads

Even though many experts believe that Apple's entry into the music streaming business will lead to the eventual end of freemium services – streaming services that offer a tier supported by advertising – new data shows that the ads are serious revenue drivers.

According to Juniper Research, revenues generated by ad-supported streaming are already worth \$782 million (Sh7.82 billion) and by 2017 will have hit \$1 billion.

Its latest research paper, Digital Music – Subscriptions, Ad Revenues & Download Services 2015-2020, published on August 11, also forecasts that 2018 will be the year in which revenue from premium, subscription-based streaming services such as Tidal, Rhapsody and of course Apple Music will have surpassed paid-for digital downloads.

The research lands at the same time as reports in the media that Spotify – currently the streaming music leader with 20 million subscribers and 75 million active users – is facing pressure from record labels to reconsider how it offers its services to those consumers who don't want to pay a monthly fee.

According to Digital Music News, Spotify could be forced to limit access to the latest releases to free-tier users or to offer exclusives that only premium users can access.

Exclusivity is currently the number-one promotional tool for competing premium streaming services. Apple Music is the only place where the latest albums from Dr Dre and Taylor Swift can be heard.

Meanwhile on Tidal, the Jay Z-backed competitor, members can listen to a new Prince album unavailable anywhere else.

Despite being the last company to join the music streaming market, Apple claims to have attracted 11 million subscribers in recent weeks.

However, all consumers signing up to the new service have a three-month grace period before the company will start charging its monthly fee. Therefore it won't be until the holiday season that a clearer picture of Apple's impact emerges.

If the company can retain or build on those initial numbers, then Juniper Research believes it will serve as the catalyst for others to move to premium services only.

However, Spotify's success shows that offering free access is also effective in offering curious consumers a first taste of streaming and of building loyalty.

"With convenience, accessibility and curation having become the defining elements of the music landscape, the potential of the streaming industry will revolve around the levels of which providers can convert free customers to paying customers," noted research author Joe Crabtree.

- AFP

New in India



Managing Director and CEO of Mercedes-Benz India Eberhard Kern poses for a photograph during the Indian launch of the Mercedes-AMG S 63 in Bangalore on August 11. The 5.5 litre V8 biturbo, AMG S 63 is marketed as a luxury sedan. AFP

Book Review

Kenya's modern-day Renaissance woman

George Gona's brand new biography of the "indomitable" South Asian artist-activist, writer-editor and feminist-socialist Zarina Patel is a book that should have been written long ago.

Deeply researched and written with scrupulous attention to detail, Dr Gona is a scholar who has a gift for sharing his enthusiasm for his subject with his readership.

Drawing on Zarina's own writings (including her biographies of Alibhai Jeevanjee, Manilal Desai and Makhan Singh) as well as on extensive interviews he's had with her, the University of Nairobi historian left little doubt that he covered virtually all the significant dimensions of this illustrious Kenyan woman's life.

Dr Gona is on track to write a series of biographical texts on exceptional Kenyan women and it was appropriate that he began with *Zarina Patel: An Indomitable Spirit* since she is the closest thing that Kenya has got (next to Wangari Maathai) to being a modern-day Renaissance woman.

Schooled in the sciences and self-taught in the visual arts, Zarina's writings reflect a level of scholarship, vision and social commitment unrivaled by any other Kenyan woman.

And yet her role as a social activist and feminist freedom fighter hasn't been well documented until now. But thanks to Dr Gona, Zarina's rebellion initially against



Zarina Patel (centre) with literature scholar Ngugi wa Thiong'o (left) and Zahid Rajan. JEFF ANGOTE

social conventions and cultural traditions associated with patriarchy and religion, and then against social institutions harboring racism, sexism, tribalism, classism, repression and exploitation is now easily understood.

Her journey from an upper middle class Asian Bohra home all the way to the Kenyan underground during the Moi era, is carefully charted by Dr Gona.

Professionally trained in physiotherapy and for a time having a private practice of her own, the granddaughter of the acclaimed south Asian entrepreneur Alibhai Jeevanjee was head-strong from the start.

Conducting her science studies in the UK, the Mombasa-born Zarina subsequently shifted her focus to the social

sciences and pursued further studies at Harvard University in the States. She was already committed to social justice issues but her understanding of liberation struggles was deepened and more clearly defined during those times when the Civil Rights, Anti-Vietnam War and feminist movements were challenging the status quo and demanding social change in every sphere.

Returning to Kenya and enduring the darkened days of Daniel arap Moi, Zarina who'd become used to speaking out and standing up for what she believed realised the best way to communicate her views and articulate her social vision in an era of repression was through the visual arts.

Of all Zarina's achievements, possibly her social realist paintings are the least known; and yet paintings like 'Demolition in Kongonea' and 'Makhan Singh leads a Workers March' reveal more about her attitudes and ideological commitment than long speeches ever could.

Married initially to a Hindu physician, which even then was taboo for a Muslim woman to do, Zarina is now happily married to Zahid with whom they share not only an ideological commitment but also the magazine *Awaaz*, the annual Samosa festival which they also cofounded and a son who completes their family life.

The 224 page book is published by Mvule Africa Publishers.

-Margaretta wa Gacheru

Bestsellers

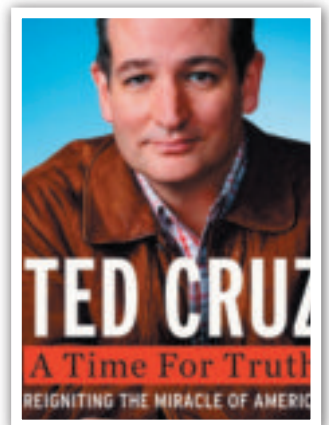


HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" by Marie Kondo (Ten Speed)
2. "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates (Spiegel & Grau)
3. "Selp-Helf" by Miranda Sings (Gallery Books)
4. "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Modern Romance" by Aziz Ansari (Penguin Press)
6. "A Full Life" by Jimmy Carter (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Down the Rabbit Hole" by Holly Madison (Morrow/Dey Street)
8. "The Conservative Heart" by Arthur C. Brooks (HarperCollins/Broadside)
9. "A Time for Truth" by Ted Cruz (HarperCollins/Broadside)
10. "The Whole 30" by Melissa Hartwig and Dallas Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
11. "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande (Metropolitan)
12. "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson (Crown Publishing)
13. "Adios, America" by Ann Coulter (Regenry Publishing)
14. "The Oregon Trail" by Rinker Buck (Simon & Schuster)
15. "Sick in the Head" by Judd Apatow (Random)

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee (HarperCollins)
2. "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins (Riverhead)
3. "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain (Ballantine)
4. "The English Spy" by Daniel Silva (Harper)
5. "Code of Conduct" by Brad Thor (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)
6. "Badlands" by C.J. Box (Minotaur)
7. "Truth or Die" by Patterson/Roughan (Little, Brown)
8. "Nemesis" by Catherine Coulter (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
9. "Finders Keepers" by Stephen King (Scribner)
10. "The Bourbon Kings" by J.R. Ward (Penguin)
11. "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's)
12. "Naked Greed" by Stuart Woods (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
13. "The Melody Lingers On" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
14. "The Rumor" by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown)
15. "Luckiest Girl Alive" by Jessica Knoll (Simon & Schuster)



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Why caddies will continue to dominate elite amateur golf

➤ **VISION** Absence of properly structured junior golf development programmes denies sport the opportunity to tap junior talent from schools



THE GOLF TALK

CHARLES GACHERU

Writing a column is a tough job; first I miss all the deadlines set by my editors. In maybe six to seven years of writing, I have probably beaten the deadline a dozen times. Heck, I even miss my own self-imposed deadlines, which are about 24 hours after the official deadline. It's a tough life.

My editors at the *Business Daily* have on many occasions threatened to kill my column. What saves it is perhaps the controversy it generates from time to time. This column is about my opinion, and for those who know me, my opinion is controversial.

In the last few weeks, I have written extensively about golf development and touched on junior golf and recently on ladies from the Coast denying young girls from the caddy ranks an opportunity to play in their events.

My articles have brought mixed reactions from friend and foe, but one reaction stood out – I was recently called myopic, uneducated and clueless. I reckon I deserve these accolades.

Think about it: my calls that poor girls from disadvantaged backgrounds should be allowed to play alongside groomed girls from the leafy suburbs is myopic. How dare I suggest that 'these' people tee it up alongside our manicured young ladies and our aging mothers?

But where will Kenya's next generation of golfers come from? The obvious answer is schools – not private schools, but public schools. Look at what the Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) has achieved in the last few years.

Mwangi Muthee, the former chair of the KRU, started an aggressive programme to take rugby to the grass roots. In his own "myopic" vision, he knew that talent was to be found among the mass-

es – he widened the net and found new talent and enthusiasm from around the country. The growth of new rugby unions is as a result of this "myopic" and "clueless" vision. Of course, Mr Muthee got resistance from those who enjoyed the status quo, those who thought rugby was a preserve of the rich boys from Ngong Road. Such resistance is expected, even entertained. It tells you that you are doing the right thing.

The scenario is similar in golf. There is no aggressive system to tap junior talent from schools – golf doesn't exist outside the protected fences of private members clubs, and these guys protect their turf.

Recently the KGU announced a programme to drive golf in the grass roots – Golf Mashinani – and even appointed pro-golfer Brian Njoroge to head this programme; hopefully they will have similar results to rugby to show. The KGU chairman should, however, be prepared to be called clueless and myopic in his bid to introduce lesser mortals to the game of golf.

I have played golf with some great gentlemen who worked their way up from the caddy ranks – in fact most golfers are taught golf by caddies. But the lady golfers have openly rejected and aggressively blocked not only this cadre of golfers, they have also blocked their own daughters. Until recently the average age of the Kenya elite women's team was similar to Kenya's age.

In the absence of properly structured junior golf development programmes, young men and women from the caddy ranks will continue to be the key source of elite amateur golfers. These kids spend so much time in and around the golf courses and it is no wonder they develop the skills necessary to play good golf.

These young lady golfers from the caddy ranks or from poor backgrounds will dominate ladies golf no matter how badly that hurts. They are hungry for success, they are trim and good looking, and the men occasionally smile with them and tip them well.

Accept and move on.



Stephen Orinda during the Total Golf Solutionz junior golf camp. FILE

GOLF Briefs



Rory McIlroy expects strong return at PGA

Forty days after suffering an ankle injury, Rory McIlroy will launch his title defence in this week's PGA Championship at Whistling Straits fully expecting to play well. Though the Northern Irish world number one has not competed since he tied for ninth in the US Open at Chambers Bay in June, he pronounced himself ready after giving himself a fitness test over four days in Portugal last week.

"Expectation levels are the same," McIlroy told a packed interview room in the media centre at Whistling Straits on Wednesday on the eve of the year's final major. "I have played quite a number of rounds of golf.

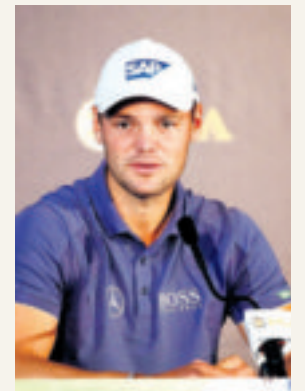
"I've been practising for over three weeks getting my game ready, getting my game sharp. I feel like I'm playing well. Hitting it well on the range ... it's being able to take it from there into tournament play with a card in your hand.

"I expect to play well. I don't see any reason why I can't bring the sort of form that I've shown in practice rounds and on the range to the tee on Thursday afternoon."

McIlroy, who won last year's PGA Championship by one shot after a final-round shootout that finished in near darkness, has been out of action since he ruptured a ligament in his ankle while playing soccer with friends on July 4.

Martin Kaymer aims to reproduce great results

Germany's Martin Kaymer has happy memories to feed off on his return to Whistling Straits for this week's PGA Championship where he looks to replicate the solid form he produced earlier this season. The 30-year-old from Dusseldorf, who clinched his first major title



Martin Kaymer. AFP

when the PGA Championship was last played here in 2010, has missed four cuts in his last eight PGA Tour starts but feels his game is clicking into shape.

"The beginning of the season was fine, but my preparation was all about the Masters," Kaymer told reporters on Wednesday on the eve of the season's final major.

"And I did so much, probably way too much practice, too much in the gym, too much focus on only one tournament and then didn't perform the way I wanted because I was going into the Masters a little bit tired already from that much practice."

Kaymer, who landed his second major title at last year's US Open, missed the cut at the Masters in April after scores of 76 and 75.

"It was just very, very frustrating," said Kaymer. "It took me probably five, six weeks to get over it ... to be OK with it. But the last few weeks I played really good golf. The score didn't really reflect it, but sooner or later it will."

Five years ago, Kaymer won the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits after a playoff with Bubba Watson and knows as well as anyone how important it is to limit the damage on an ultra-long, links-style layout studded with bunkers.

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Tomorrow
Sameer-Yana Tyres Golf Day
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1st Tee 7:12 F.Wangila, Ian Maina, D.Onger, B.Ngugi; 7:20 D.N.Wachira, M.G.Kimani, Carlo Chege, Rajni Shah; 7:28 Jack Mwangi, J.Kisolo, M.Muura, E.Maritim; 7:36 A.K.Ndung'u, S.Ndung'u, D.G.Muchungu; 7:44 D.M.Kinuthia, B.Mandere, F.Opiyo, L.Musembi; 7:52 M.Oyugi, S.Mbugua, J.Otieno, P.Gondi; 8:00 P.Karing'u, H.E.Mwangi, W.Mbuthia, C.Orengo; 8:08 Maranga Njoroge (g), Roy Maina (g), K.Njoroge (g), P.Mokaya (g); 8:16 R.Munoru, G.Kettem, R.Kiarie, G.Kariuki; 8:24 M.Kombo, P.Odima, J.G.Chege, Rohit Shah; 8:32 T.Njoroge, R.K.Shah, W.Kinyanjui, K.B.Shah; 11:22 M.Maingi, L.Munyua, M.Muriithi, P.M.Mbarathi; 11:30 R.Maranya, F.K.Kimathi, E.M.Thuiya, W.Nadida; 11:38 J.M.Ndiritu, O. Amimo (g), R.Waitete, V.Ochieng' (g); 11:46 J.G.Njenga, E.Obare, S.Tubei, R.Githii; 11:54 S.Ngure, J.Wokabi, P.Kang'ethe, M.Karano; 12:02 Kariuki Njenga, K.Bosire, E.Mogoa, J.Orengo; 12:10 R.Mutemba, G.Karuga, P.Kanari, K.Nkomani; 12:18 B.N.Kamau, G.M.Kariuki, N.Kariuki, S.Itemere (g); 12:26 T.Ruhii (g), B.K.Mbaya, G.Maina (g), G.Kimani (g); 12:34 S.Maitho (g), Ngamau (g), S.Mwaura (g); 12:42 M.Makundi (S), N.Mbugua, E.Ogonji, C.Gachie; 12:50 P.Sinkira,

O.F.Kibuna, W.Macharia, C.Gachie; 12:58 P.Rwambo, A.Kale, M.Mbugua, Sponsor's guest; 1:06 P. Okoth, S.D'souza, Ajit Shah, M.S.Riyat; 1:14 S.Mugwe, H.D'souza, B.Wamahiu, F.W.Gaitho; 1:22 Holland Mboya, K.Audi (g), G.Macharia, D.Muyonga (g); 1:30 OS, H.Obino, O.Abekah, R.Mangat; 1:38 D.Ngumi, N.Kibe, E.Njuki, 10th Tee 7:20 C.N.Kihara, E.Omollo, E. Mudanyi; 7:28 N.Hirani, A.Mutinda, I. Nyakwara, P.Maina; 7:36 E.Maritim, M.Kimani, A.Unia, P.Wambugu; 7:44 J.Maalu, X.N.Iraki, C.Makau, C.Kibett; 7:52 Y.Saito, M.Azad, G.Mwaniki, J.Katuku; 8:00 Om Shah, Y.Asami, B.Jones, K.Oba; 8:08 Birju Shah, L.Orengo, S.Barretto, Abishekh Shah; 8:16 G.Gathitu, W.Thairu, I. Ndiritu, A.Rogo; 8:24 M.Munge, W.Okello, R.Wachira; 8:32 Raymond (g), M.N.Kanyi, J.Kandie, J.Kubo; 11:22 S.M.Gathogo, T.Ogenche, W.Kembi, J.Mwangi; 11:30 G.Wanjohi, J.Kimani, J.Muriithi, R.Wanjiku; 11:38 K.Kanyaura (g), R.W.Heho, W.Moturi (g), P.Wanyeki (g); 11:46 A.Mungai, S.Njenga, D.Kabage, D.Mwangi; 11:54 K.Mariga, J.Mureithi, M.Karobia, J.Kimani; 12:02 R.Kinya (g), B.Ogwayo (g), E.Munyiri (g), P.Wambugu (g); 12:10 T.Indimuli (g), C.Muchugu (g), D.Mwindi (g), W.Kamau (g); 12:18 Satish, K.Shah, E.Obare, T.Thanawalla, P.Ngige; 12:26 C.Karobia, D.Gitu, J.Njuguna, C.Muguku; 12:34 J.Njau, P.N.Muiruri, G.K.Muriithi, J.Wangwe; 12:42 R.Owiti, S.Orengo, J.Munge, J.Wainaina; 12:50 C.Bor, G.Mburu, G.Kamau, D.Siyani; 12:58 T.K.Mbugua, S.Siyani, E.Mbole,

K.Pindoria; 1:06 C.Muraya, R.Lakhani, M.N.Kinuthia, S.Thakkar; 1:14 V.Budhdev, C.Samani, K.Chandarana, C.Jobanputra; 1:22 M.Gorassia, B.Kagiri, D.Raghwani, K.Gitahi; 1:30 D.Gorassia, K.Khamar, F.Murunga, K.Mbogori; 1:38 S.Manji, M.Assaria, Mr. Mburu(g), Mrs. Mburu(g).

KIAMBU

Tomorrow: Searite Security Golf Day; 7:18 G.K. Muthua x 4; 7:26 F. Gichomo, R. Ngui, A.I. Kariuki, S. Wangai; 7:34 S. Kihui, J. Ngure, E. Kingara, Ano; 7:42 M. Gachugi, R. Gichuki, Ano, Ano; 7:50 Sponsors Guest x 4; 7:58 J.K. Waweru x 4; 8:06 F.N. Njagi, P.N. Kamugi, Ano, Ano; 8:14 J.K. Muchai, G.G. Waburi, J. Muchigi, Ano; 8:22 Eng. Kamunge x 4; 8:30 Sponsors Guest x 4; 8:38 F. Ngatia, C. Mugo, O. Gathara, P. Kahuthu; 8:46 M. Kibi, E.G. Kuria, S. Gwandaru, E. Njoroge; 8:54 J. Wokabi(g), N. Mwangi, G. Warukira, Fr. Chris(g); 9:02 S. Kiaro, M. Ngene, S.M. Wambu, G.K. Muiruri. P.M. 11:32 Searite x 4; 11:40 S. Karanja, J.K. Biriri(g), Ano, Ano; 11:48 C.W. Njoroge(I), W. Kiarie, S.N. Gitau, Ano; 11:56 Sponsors Guest x 4; 12:04 J. Kinuthia, M.K. Wandegwa, P. Mworia, F.M. Njoroge; 12:12 J. Kagiri, P. Kariuki, Ano, Ano; 12:20 S. Muriu x 4; 12:28 S. Muikia, J. Machua, D. Kamau, Ano; 12:36 J. Ndegwa, M. Mutuma, W. Kiarie, Ano; 12:44 S.K. Macharia, C.G. Wanjohi, M.K. Wanjohi, D. Ndirangu; 12:52 H. Gathuo, D. Kiratu, M. Nduati, S. Kiarie; 1:00 D. Nyaga,

P. Kaumbutho, L. Njue, G. Ndegwa; 1:08 Searite x 4; 1:16 Searite x 4. *POST ENTRIES TO THE STARTER

ROYAL NAIROBI GOLF CLUB,

Tomorrow, Father & Son Competition; First Tee a.m. 8:08 N. Kanjenjo/ W. Kanjenjo, N. Iraki/Maina Iraki, Henry Kanyua/ Robert Maina 8:16 E. Mwazighe/ Keith Mzaza, S. Parmar/Chirag Parmar, PE/PE; 8:24 N. Kaunda/ N. Diana, B. Kiraithe/ Mwenda Kiraithe, PE/PE; First Tee P.M. 12:24 J. Juma, K. Juma, G. Bhachu/ G. Bhachu, H. G. Nyakundi/ G. Joshua; 12:32 Paresi Jai/ Anokh Jai, P. Mwindi/ W. Maina, P. Muthusi/ M. Muthusi; 12:40 V. Sandhu/ J. Sandhu, S. A. Bhatti/ Q. Bhatti, Dr. K. Neeraj/ A. Neeraj; 12:48 S. Nanda/ S. Nanda, M. Sehmi/ Anu Bhardwaj, M. Mugambi/ J. Mugambi; 12:56 Tani Chadha/ K. Aran Chadha, V. Gidoomal/ D. Gidoomal, K. Bhardwaj/ G. Bhardwaj; 13:04 Nimish Shah/ Nihar Shah, Z. Parikh/ Sahar Parikh, J. Thethy/ R. Thethy; 13:12 Raul Martyress/ Annette Martyress, Fred Lobo/ Arianna Lobo, Louisa Gitau/ Hailey Gitau; 13:20 Azhar Mughal/ Amil Mughal, Ash Kapoor/ Aman Kapoor, D. Mistry/ N. Mistry; Tenth Tee P.M. 12:24 E. M. Kinyua/ Eric Kinyua, A. Dhadialla/ S. Kipkoti, PE/PE; 12:32 A. Monyo/ Monyo, Dr. R. C. Patel/ Son, Baiju Savani/ Son; 12:40 C. Hindocha/ A. Hindocha, D. Modi/ A. Modi, N. andaliya/ R. Mandalia; 12:48 V. Talwar/ D. Talwar, I. Talwar/ Ruhan Talwar, D. Pinto/ S. Pinto; 12:56 S. M.

Gulamhussein/ Ali S. Mohamedali, T. Kungu/ K. Ndinda, M. Mutinda/ R. Mutinda; 13:04 B. Bhachu/ G. S. Bhachu/ G. S. Bhachu, M. Njue/ O. Amayo, O. M. Okeyo; 13:12 C. Solanki/ H. Solanki, R. Marsini/ M. Marsini, G. Maina/ V. Imani; 13:20 G. S. Padam/ K. S. Padam, W. Chebukati/ J. Chebukati, A. Yamani/ H. Yamani

LIMURU COUNTRY CLUB

Competition: Glama Electricals & Mechanical Ltd. Golf Day Sponsor: Glama Electricals & Mechanical Co. Ltd. Date: 15th August 2015

Morning Draw, First Tee; 8:00 S.K. Ndegwa, P. Busera, A. Bonyie, S. Ndarwa; 8:08 G. Ngaruiya, D. Mwangi, Ano, M. Nganga; 8:16 I. Thande, G. Barua, N. Mungai, W. Thuku; 8:24 G. Wangongu, R. Njenga, P.N. Ngahu(G), D. Mbiyu(S); 8:32 A. Gikandi, G. Wangongu, Ano, B. Wangongu; 8:40 G. Mbiyu(L), Ano, R. Murnero, Ano; 8:48 M.N. Kinguru(G), Ano, Capt. Ruini(G), J. Wairaguru; 8:56 R. Munuhe, Ano, K. Mukuria, Ano;

Afternoon Draw, First Tee; 11:30 J. Ngugi, S. Wanguru, M. Karanu, J. Ndiho; 11:38 A. Gatimu, D. Odongo, A. Wangari, J.N. Njenga; 11:46 Ano, J. Wokabi, Ano, Ano; 11:54 EG Mbugua, J. Kariuki, W. Gitonga, S. Kiruthu; 12:02 S. Muraya, C. Muchiru, D. Maina, K. Muchiru; 12:10 J. Kagiri, D. Waiganjo, C. Kamau, K. Muchiri; 12:18 J. Ngigi, W. Wanjiu, H.N. Njoroge, EK Njenga;



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▶ **SPENDING** The Treasury is running wide fiscal deficits whose funding can only be through borrowing

Why CBK chief views make a lot of policy sense

If recent events are anything to go by, I'm foreseeing a strained working relationship between fiscal and monetary policymakers. The Treasury's policy dominance is already discomforting Central Bank of Kenya governor Patrick Njoroge.

First, in his submissions to Parliament's Finance, Planning and Trade committee, he differed with Treasury on the Sh5bn (\$50 million) new minimum core capital proposals for commercial banks.

And as was reported by the *Business Daily*, the governor said passing the Treasury's proposals would lead to "rushed consolidations and make big banks more dominant".

He instead proposed a risk-based regulatory approach where "the bank that takes more risk should have more capital".

He has a point and is basically alluding to the introduction of the Basel III model. I also think that CBK should move towards identifying systemically important banks (SIBs). The identified SIBs — because they present significant systemic risks, largely due to their large balance sheets, regional presence and

interconnectedness — should then be asked to put in place higher loss absorbency capabilities by way of fortifying their balance sheets through higher capital adequacy and liquidity coverage ratios.

Further, they will be subject to robust stress-testing and more frequent on-site supervision.

Additionally, I don't think forced

consolidation, as proposed by the Treasury, will solve any of the negative balance sheet dynamics that banks have to deal with on a daily basis.

Key among them being lack of long-term deposit liabilities (and the subsequent acute funding mismatch) and lack of sticky foreign currency liabilities. So Dr Njoroge's proposal of a risk-based approach makes sense.

Second, the governor has also openly expressed his displeasure over the continuing fiscal indiscipline. Basically, the Treasury is running wide fiscal deficits, whose funding can only be through borrowing. In the just ended fiscal 2014/15, the central government

Dr Njoroge is unlikely to be a fence-sitter and will instead pursue re-alignments between fiscal and monetary policies



The Treasury Building in Nairobi. The Treasury's policy dominance is already discomforting the Central Bank of Kenya governor. FILE

spent all tax revenue collections on recurrent expenditure, which means that if such a trend continues development projects will have to be financed through borrowing.

Governor's stance

Due to his openly radical stance on this matter, Dr Njoroge is likely to run into trouble with his "boss" (the Treasury CS) who, in my opinion, holds the view that funding constraints shouldn't stand in the way of a development project.

Is the governor's stance justified? Yes, because the issue of fiscal dominance has featured prominently in the current debate on causes of exchange rate volatilities. One school of thought advances the theory that CBK, in its ef-

forts to stem further depreciation of the shilling against the dollar, is fighting the Treasury's battles.

Which I think is true. Judging from his recent two submissions to Parliament, Dr Njoroge comes out as anti-fiscal dominance and not likely to continue condoning the Treasury's policy dominance.

Additionally, he's unlikely to be a fence-sitter and will instead aggressively pursue re-alignments between fiscal and monetary policies.

In the course of this pursuit, he'll probably lock horns with the Treasury secretary which could transition into policy feuds between the two key institutions.

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EU shares rally, bonds fall on yuan assurances

European shares rallied yesterday after China's central bank said there was no basis for further yuan depreciation following a devaluation this week that has seen the currency slide around four per cent.

The perkier mood in riskier assets soured investor appetite for safe-haven government bonds, which had benefited from a sharp sell-off in equity and commodity markets prompted by the devaluation.

The People's Bank of China (PBOC) said there was no basis for more yuan depreciation in light of strong economic fundamentals, even though the yuan dropped for the third straight day.

The PBOC set its guidance rate at 6.4010 per dollar prior to the market opening, weaker than the previous fix of 6.3306. The gap between the guidance rate and the traded spot market rate narrowed sharply as banking sources said the PBOC had stepped up intervention in a bid to stabilize prices.

Still, traders remained cautious. Sources told Reuters some powerful voices in the government were pushing for an even deeper devaluation to help China's struggling exporters.

PBOC Vice-Governor Yi Gang dismissed such talk as groundless, but some in the market still expected that China would let the yuan slide further in the face of weakness in the economy. "Investors have pounced on those reassurances from China to push the markets back up a bit," said Hantec Markets' analyst Richard Perry.

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€: 112.62	USh 35.05
£: 157.94	SAR 7.95

Market Activity

	LAST	PREVIOUS
MARKET CAP IN SH BN	2,147.80	2,165.15
TOTAL SHARES TRADED	21,732,800	11,643,900
EQUITY TURNOVER IN SH	611,886,344	246,537,199
BONDS TURNOVER	503,750,000	291,150,000
TOTAL DEALS (BONDS)	16	10
TOTAL DEALS (EQUITY)	1,520	1,564
NSE 20 SHARE INDEX	4,495.52	4,499.06
NSE ALL SHARE INDEX	153.38	154.61
FTSE NSE KENYA 15 INDEX	199.07	201.28
FTSE NSE KENYA 25 INDEX	198.08	200.37
FTSE NSE KENYA BOND INDEX	91.33	91.58
FTSE ASEA PAN AFRICAN INDEX	1,135.78	1,143.44



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"If you don't like how things are, change it! You're not a tree."

*-Emanuel James "Jim" Rohn
American Entrepreneur
(1930-2009)*



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Over 30 years ago, the first test-tube birth made history, sparking global debate about doctors playing God. But as assisted reproductive technologies advance, millions of children are conceived outside the womb.

From creation of babies with genes from three parents, egg freezing and high-tech IVF, technology is turning into a game-changer in infertility and taming birth defects. There are many untold stories of couple chasing to get a baby at whatever cost, but infertility in Kenya is still shrouded in stigma. With technologies like egg, ovary and sperm freezing, couples wrapped in careers, or those with medical condition now have many options.

Spinning work-outs are now becoming popular. Get the sweaty ride of your life in a studio cycling class. Read on to learn what makes this exercise different from cycling outdoors

You must have read about the “Internet of Things” and wondered why you should care? From smart doors and bread toasters to music speakers that talk, no limitations exit to what technology can do. You can basically monitor every gadget in your house using your smartphone. How lazy will these new technological advancements make us? Or will they make us more efficient?

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THIS WEEK'S PHOTO



Gospel artist Loise Kim performs at an event to celebrate winning Female Artist of the Year at the 2015 Groove Awards, at Ruiru Stadium in Kiambu on August 9.



Gospel artists Daddy Owen (left) and Allan Harun perform at the event.



COMMENTS

CELEBRITY MARKETING GAINS POPULARITY

SAUTI SOL :We have been featured on BD!

Littlefinger: Good stuff ... Celebrity marketing gains popularity

Web's Eye View: #Marketing: Celebrity marketing gains popularity: There is no better way to go.

john wainaina: Way long ago, we all knew that @SautiSol was a band going places

Arther Kanja: I wanna be a brand

ambassador #watchthisspace

Anto Neosoul : Great piece you wrote on celebrity marketing. I learnt from it.

Shira Nhemi : Should also have mentioned Auma Obama's Twitter following rose from 210 to 20,000 plus in less than three days.

MEET PHOTOGRAPHER WHO GETS THE GLINT IN UHURU'S EYE

Patriot: Lol the presidential photographer smokes weed... no comment.

Jalaal Kafkaesque Patriot : That can get the guy behind bar for seven years, but it may have been said in jest noting that he was not under oath in the presence of a court of competent jurisdiction.

@theeLearner254: You can't go to jail for saying you smoked weed. You can go to jail if you are caught smoking weed, or generally in possession of it.

Endorsing the recreational use of an illegal substance does not constitute a crime, in Kenya at least.

BLAZING A NEW PATH FOR PLUS-SIZE FASHION

Anto Neosoul: I congratulate you for a great piece that you wrote on “Blazing a new path for plus-size fashion”. I appreciate you for pushing the envelope.

CYCLING TOURS THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

Simon Blake: Thanks for the article on cycling in Kenya. Great to see more people getting on bikes!



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Uduak Amimo.
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Unmasking Uduak

You watch Uduak Amimo on television, crossing swords with bureaucrats, politicians and opinion makers, and you wonder what makes her tick. What unruffles her? What makes her throw her head back in laughter? You wonder what cracks that solid veneer. You wonder because she's so poised, professional, sabre-sharp and severe. She also brings to the screen a wealth of journalistic experience gathered from Reuters Television, Voice of America and BBC World.

We met at the poolside of The Mayfair Hotel. Uduak (she's half Nigerian, half Kenyan) in person is what she is on TV; poised, professional, sabre-sharp and severe. She also threw her head back in laughter. A few times.

BY JACKSON BIKO

If you were to have dinner with one important person, who would that be?

God.

What would you ask him?

"Why make it so hard? If you knew Satan would tempt Eve, why allow him in the garden? Because you are all knowing, all powerful, why make it so hard?"

Which part of your life do you find to be hard?

Was hard. My childhood. I wouldn't wish it on anyone. My parents separated and I was back and forth between them. I grew up with different relatives in Kenya, Nigeria and the US. My siblings and I were separated at some point. (Pause) There were some bright spots, surely, but generally it was hard. On the whole I couldn't wait to be independent, I was in a rush to be independent.

Are you an old soul?

I'm told I am. I'm an introvert. I need my space, I need my downtime. In terms of socialising, I prefer something like this, a one-on-one. If you had a boisterous party it would probably wear me out. Having said that I'm a dancing queen, at least I used to be in my university days. (Smiles) I like good music, good food, good conversation. I don't lend out my music and I don't lend out my books. I take those quite seriously.

What are you reading now?

At the moment I'm on a leadership fellowship and so there is a lot of professional reading around that. Articles, essays... heavy stuff.

What is the aspiration of TV journalism in Kenya, according to you – someone who has worked in diverse and respected media for many years?

I think our aspiration should be to tell the multiplicity of stories about Africans for Africans in as many ways as possible and many platforms we have. So if TV is one of them, well enough. If it's print or radio, well and good. If it's the Internet, go for it, as long as we are getting the stories of Africa — the good, the bad, the inspirational in every light possible.

What do you dislike about TV?

TV can be superficial. (Pause). TV can very very superficial. It can very much be a medium that focuses on image and presentation versus the actual substance being relayed and discussed. The power of the visual shouldn't be ignored and there should be some level of responsibility to it.

What's your biggest fear?

That I won't have accomplished my purpose. I think we are all here for a reason. I do worry that I won't do what I need to do. I think on several levels, when I was younger and fixated on the idea of journalism solely it was to make

a difference and I became a journalist because I didn't like how Africa was covered. The Africa I know is the Africa where people say hello to each other, you are fed in people's homes and that wasn't being reflected in African media. I thought my purpose was to change how we are perceived. Several years later I have an expanded world view and now I just need to make a difference through mentoring, community work, writing, journalism, whatever it is I have at my disposal.

What are you struggling with now in your life?

Oh wow! (Chuckle) Like really really or just...?

Really really would be nice, yes...

(Laughs) For my community work, I work with young people in secondary schools and I need to turn that into some sort of legal entity and that is a bit of a struggle... you know, just navigating that landscape. It's about wanting to do a lot and feeling there isn't enough hours in a day or energy. Being in my head is not a pleasant thing. I get tired of my head sometimes because I wake up in the middle of the night and there is so much going on in there.

What has been your biggest failure?

Oh gosh, Biko wow! Uhm...(Pause) Three years ago I would have told you that it was leaving a job at BBC to take a job in Nigeria. Now I don't see it as my

biggest failure as such. I see it as my biggest learning. I learnt a great deal about myself there.

What did you learn?

That I have very little tolerance for crap. I always knew that about myself, but just how little that tolerance was amazed me. Also that there are certain things I won't do to appease people or a group of people and I learnt about the power of faith. Just ...uhm, you know, that... you know you can think you are doing things in your own strength, but really there are angels walking by your side. And that for me was very clear.

If you were handed a magic wand, what's the one thing you would change about TV journalism in Kenya?

I'm a fairy godmother and I am to fix journalism? Hmm...(Long pause). Actually I wouldn't just fix journalism alone. I would fix a lot of professions we have and that's what I'm doing with my charity work because it's not a problem that is unique to journalism. There is a lot of mediocrity around, standards of education and training have fallen and as a result we find a lot of superficiality in our interactions.

We have this cult of celebrities in our industry, people who are more focused on how they look.... you know, what they are wearing versus what's between their ears. So it would be to get people to the drawing board and make them understand what they are doing and why they are in this profession. We are here to inform and educate and help people make decisions about their lives, not to, you know, parade ourselves.

What's your weakness?

I'm impatient. I'm so horrifically impatient, but I'm mellowing with age. I also can have an acerbic tongue. I worry. I don't know if it's so much worry of perfectionism. I demand 100 per cent from myself and others and that can make life difficult for people around me.

What advice would you tell your 25-year-old self?

You will be fine.

Are you fine?

I think so. It's taken a long time to get to this point. I am at this point talking to you... I feel really blessed. This writer I like is interviewing me, what could be greater than that? (Smiles) But really I'm back home, I have great family, the weather is great, I'm not living in cold London, and I get to practice my profession and make a difference to the community around me.

What sort of regrets do you struggle with?

(Pause) I was in a rush to be independent. I was so focused towards that I didn't quite smell the roses earlier on in my 20s, which officially gives away my age, which if you want to know is

25.... I think I could have done a bit of time to know myself and take time to heal from various wounds and things. But everything in its own time.

What intimidates you?

Me? Intimidates me? (Pause) Wow! I can't think of anything at this point in time.

Do you think you intimidate people?

I'm told I do, but I don't think I do.

Are you dating?

No, there is no one special in my life right now.

Given your family background, your parents separation and the impact it had on you after, does that history affect your interest in marriage?

It does. I laugh about it sometimes but for the people who had hope I think I traumatised them. But I also was traumatised by a few people as well. I had very little tolerance for the little twists and turns in relationships. Something would happen and I would say, "Ok, I know where this is going, so let's just stop it here, so peace, I am out." (Laughs) But by the same token, I think I also made it impossible for some people to be with me. I am the first born, though my dad has other children, so I saw the drama and yes it does scar you.

There was a time when I was younger when I was adamant about getting married and then that changed. Now I am in the place where I would like a life partner.

When were you the happiest in your life?

Now. I'm living the life that I wanted. I wouldn't call it "happy" though, more like secure.

Do you booze?

Not much. I probably have three drinks in a year. I'm allergic to sulphites so I don't drink wine or champagne. Maybe martinis.

So what's your sin?

(Laughs hard) Shopping. You should see how I manage myself before I travel... leave credit cards.

How old are you?

I'm 40 next month.

What are you going to do?

Heee... let me tell you! (Laughs and gets excited). You know now I have calmed down, but on New Year's I was texting around the world and saying, "Guys, you are coming to Kenya, it's 40 you know?" (Laughs). But now I've calmed down. I will be in the UK next month so there will be a pre-birthday activity, then the birthday itself and then post-birthday! I feel I want to celebrate.

What will be the one thing you will be celebrating?

Me! I'm still here. I'm still standing.

BDLIFE: INTERIOR DESIGN



Consider designs that disrupt the traditional flow

Bringing back life in our living room space

BY GENNEVIEVE NAHINGA

Less is more right? But how about more is more. Cackling laughter, soft background music, a cozy chaise lounge, a daybed by the window, brightly coloured wall with interesting wall art and you engaging in a pillow fight with the children as a wheeled poof is driven around the living room. Cluttered? Not really. Disruptive? Yes!

Many of our living room spaces have slowly evolved into styles that largely stifle the creativity and imagination of children. Despite their restless energy and indefatigable curiosity, what is left at their disposal in this shared space is the TV, DVD, computer and PlayStation, which are passive and don't engage the whole body. Parents, on the other hand, engage their eyeballs in a game of ping-pong scrolling up multiple screens to catch up with the rest of the world. All together yet far apart.

What if there was a way you could have more? More time with your children, more colour, laughter and play in the living room and welcome this disruption without the guilt of damaging something expensive. It was Josh Billings, an American humourist who said, "To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while."

If you are reading this and you have children between the ages of two and 10, I can almost predict with mathematical certainty that on most days, your living room probably looks like a hurricane of toys just invaded the

neighbourhood and the debris happened to stop at your house.

Maybe you are the strict type. The "don't touch, get down from there and go to your room" kind when your favourite sofa is being used as a trampoline. A lot of imagination and creativity has been lost in some of our efforts to make the living room a replica of the cover page of *Elle Decoration*, or *House and Home*. Here are a few tips to get your décor compass pointing in the right direction especially during this August holiday.

Family space

Mr Mbugua Kamau of Wallpaper Interiors, Nairobi, encourages designing the contemporary family space with the various ages of family members in mind. The open plan living room and kitchen is one of the current trends in interior decor. It helps to section the space into zones, which can be done using furniture, carpets, rugs, and bookshelves. Children need a clean and organised space



"The contemporary family space should be designed with the various age groups of the family members in mind."

MBUGUA KAMAU, OWNER OF WALLPAPER INTERIORS



schoolwork, and play. Using fun furnishings, like beanbag chairs or floor cushions, with interesting star, circular and cylindrical shapes is ideal.

Materials

Use heavy duty fabrics on the sofa like jute or leather that are easy to clean and are battle-tested unless those little rascals find a sharp object somewhere and decide to "operate". Multi-functional furniture is a boon when it comes to organising space. A poof can have hidden storage to stash away toys when you are entertaining or need more space in the room.

Colour

The colour of a room can influence our mood and thoughts. The play area can adopt bright colours to create a buzz, like red, orange, yellow and lime green on the throw pillows, area rugs, poofs and storage boxes.

Art (sculptures, wall hangings)

Young children can benefit from living amid beautiful objects; they grow up to appreciate and respect them. That said, glass is a no-go zone for obvious reasons. If you have to have glass it should be miniature and displayed on a high place with a sturdy base like the fire place, wall unit or book shelf. Avoid portable accessories like metal candle holders or soap stone carvings that can be used as swords during an adrenaline rush after watching *Ben 10*.

Cleaning

Due to their rambunctious nature, you are bound to get a few spills and scratches or even God forbid deep slits on the sofas. Use of slip covers can help protect the furniture and are easy to clean. Our walls are the greatest casualty in the formative years with all sorts of scribbles. Many of our children are "artists or teachers" and that is the biggest canvas/blackboard they have ever seen. You ought to consider eco-friendly paint that is wipeable or wallpaper.

"We particularly recommend the use of wallpaper not only for the beauty and variety of designs, colors and textures it offers but also as a safe alternative for paint" says Mr Kamau.

Help your children stay organised by keep things at their height. Always encourage them to tidy up when they are done with play.

Whether you have a modern, minimalist, classic, contemporary, rustic, safari, or retro look incorporate a style that will contend with the fights, spills, scratches and the artists. Oh, and do arm yourself with a cabinet load of "miracle" stain removers because they will come in handy on most days.

The living room is supposed to embody its name so don't kill it. Results may not be immediate; it will require a lot of experimenting and negotiation. So go ahead and be disruptive. You and your family will be happier for it.

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Designing your bedroom for a good night sleep

BY LYNET IGADWAH

If you're having trouble sleeping after long hours of work it could be down to the interior design of your bedroom. Lack of sleep can do more harm to your health than just leaving you sluggish the next day or with under-eye circles. It can weaken your immune system, cause heart problems, lead to obesity and shorten your life span.

Sleep apnea affects both adults and children and is characterised by pauses in breathing or episodes of shallow or infrequent breathing during sleep.

Dr David Musyoka of Aga Khan University Hospital says sleep apnea can even be fatal. "It has bad effects on the heart because of obstruction. This is because you are taking in less oxygen in the blood and carbon dioxide levels are rising," he says.

Joy Mbutia of Jelani Designs says the bedroom environment influences the quality and quantity of sleep.

Creating a sleep sanctuary is easy, start with arranging everything from the bed to side-tables systematically. Ms Mbutia offers tips on how you can cosy your bedroom for a good night sleep.

Colours and textures

Go for colour schemes that give the room a cosy feeling. Pick soft greys, blues and browns for walls, wall hangings, furniture and beddings instead of bright orange and red. Bright colours are said to increase heart rate and blood pressure and discourage relaxation. Wall panels are also important décors in creating a sleep sanctuary. You could also change the room's feel by adding comforters and pillows.

Furniture

Mrs Mbutia advises keeping the bedroom furniture simple. De-clutter the room by removing disturbances such as TVs, computers, fitness equipment and telephones, but you can have side tables in the room. "You could keep your books there to read something as sleep sneaks in," she says.

Curtains and lighting

Go for heavy or blackout curtains that do not let light in enabling you to sleep in complete darkness. You could opt for bedroom draperies that are similar to the colour of the walls. "Using similar colours continues the flow of the room and creates a smooth relaxing space," she says. Have some nice soft lighting if you like reading before you sleep.

Carpet

Go for soft underfoot carpets. Plush rugs will muffle the noise especially if footsteps disrupt your sleep.

Beddings

Duvets work best in chilly weather. Use these together with cotton or linen bed sheets and a firm mattress for greater comfort. Scratchy beddings will leave you cold and disrupt your sleep.

Organic manure rules in Nani's vegetable garden

From oregano herbs to tree tomatoes, Nani Croze has transformed her garden into a small paradise

BY MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

Nani Croze may be best known for being a painter, muralist and finally the glass artist who founded Kitengela Glass and Research Trust.

But even before she moved out to Kitengela in the late 70s, Nani had been an avid environmentalist with an early interest in organic gardening. She acquired her first taste for it from her mother who taught her to believe in growing plants naturally, without chemical fertilisers or pesticides. And that is the way she has kept her gardens in Kitengela from the outset.

One thing that has made her gardening without chemicals easy is her deep love of animals. Her grounds at the Trust are well populated with everything from almost a dozen dogs and other four-legged beings, including donkeys, horses, pigs and camels, but also by a wide assortment of birds, be they peacocks, turkeys, chickens and ducks as well as countless migratory types.

All of them produce animal waste which Nani uses as manure to fertilise her gardens, both the one in her green house and the one just outside it.

The manure is what works wonders on the Kitengela gardens, enabling her to grow all the herbs, berries and tree tomatoes she could ever want.

It has also allowed her to use the cow dung specifically to generate biogas which she uses to power her family's water heating system and some of her other electronic appliances.

"The system we have doesn't just produce biogas," said Mary ..., one of the Kitengela staff. "It also produces a sludge that's another form of organic manure that we use in the gardens."

Green thumb

Nani has never been shy of delegating responsibility so she has helped in operating the gardens on a daily basis. Currently, her chief gardener is Evans Khasidiah, 26, a young man with a green thumb who has only been on the job assisting Nani in the garden for the past few months.

When Evans first arrived on the scene, the garden had gone to seed since Nani's previous helper had lost his passion for the job and frequently disappeared. Evans initially started working while his predecessor was on leave. But in no time, he transformed the gardens into lush fields filled with carefully aligned rows of greens including radishes, parsley, kale and leafy stevia bushes that he had planted in the first few days of his arrival.

Nani's especially thrilled with her new stevia leaves since her husband Dr Eric Krystall loves powdered stevia in his coffee.

"We've also found putting the leaves into hot

tea or coffee also sweetens naturally," said Nani.

Evans is especially good looking after Nani's herbs, including half a dozen types of mint, parsley, rosemary, oregano and thyme. He also grows lots of *terere* which is a favourite in her staff who are the main beneficiaries of the gardens.

Assorted salads

Nani's guests also love her assorted salads, tree tomatoes and radishes. But it's the berries, papaya and avocados which also grow organically that the birds and baboons especially love. The strawberries raspberries and blackberries are well protected inside the gardens which are covered with finer chicken wire.

But the papaya, avocados and blueberries rarely reach Nani's dinner table since they mainly grow outside the covered areas and thus, the birds, baboons and hyrax have easy access to them.

Nani does have a scare crow inside the gardens but it doesn't scare away hungry creatures intent on eating avocado for lunch and mulberries for desert!

Own seeds

Evans and Nani also grow their own seeds not only because she has always favoured self-sufficiency, especially when one cannot be assured if the seeds on the market are not genetically modified or if chemicals have been quietly added.

She also has little choice, but to harvest her own seeds since the Kenya government has a policy against the importation of exotic seeds.



Evans with freshly picked radish.



Nani Croze (inset) doesn't use chemicals in her garden. Top: The biogas sludge container. ALL PHOTOS MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

Nani is all for growing indigenous crops but she has a problem with any monopoly on seeds which is mainly the case in Kenya today.

The one problem that Nani and Evans have in her organic garden is that trees like the blackberry ones can outgrow the wire mesh in the garden

faster than Evans can clip the trees' top. "The manure, and especially the [biogas] sludge, ensures all the plants, including the blackberry trees grow so fast they sometimes threaten to burst through the wire mesh, but I try to catch them in good time," Evans added.



A variety of mint leaves grow in the organic garden.



Rosalita lettuce in the garden.



Tree tomatoes ripening.



Rosemary growing tall.

BDLIFE:ACTIVE LIFE



Studio cycling gives great cardio workout

Indoor cycling is a low-impact way to burn a lot of calories quickly and is worth trying out

BY SANDRA CHAO-BLASTO

Spinning or studio cycling is gaining popularity as more people who don't fancy traditional exercises join in the indoors bicycle ride.

If you want to drip with sweat and feel like it's dribbling with the extra calories, this is an excellent exercise.

It is good for toning your leg muscles and strengthening your heart. Spinning is a good cardio work-out for the weight loss enthusiasts, as one can burn between 600 and 700 calories in an hour's class. Unlike five years ago when the stationary exercise cycles were just getting into the market, today spinning is more popular.

I took a spinning class for the first time, choosing a gym that is close to work. When you're taking a spinning class for the first time, here are a few helpful tips.

Most gyms and health clubs in Nairobi have about 10 to 20 stationary bikes for use, but you need to book in advance. To enjoy the thrill, you need to know how to cycle a bike.

Wobble at first

If you did not have the chance to learn how to cycle when you were young, all the best in trying to balance on the tiny, hard seat. Don't worry, you might wobble at first, but you will be fine. Learn to balance and pedal at the same time while on the stationary bike. There is a slim to no possibility of you falling off.

Adjust your stationery seat to suit your height. For short people, the seat post can be moved down and the seat slider forward to ensure that you can comfortably get to the

pedals and you are not too far from the handle bars.

Tall people can have the seat adjusted by moving the slider backwards and the post upwards, so that as they cycle their knees do not keep bumping the handles.

Cushion seat

To get onto the bike, 'brake it' so that the pedals do not end up hitting you as you try to position yourself on the small seat. The bike seat may feel uncomfortable and hard, so carry a padded clothing to cushion it and reduce the discomfort. But this feeling goes away after the first 15 minutes of the session.

Fasten your shoes to the straps on the pedals as a slip during the session might cause injury to your shin.

The hooks holding the straps to the pedals are sharp and can be uncomfortable if you are not wearing shoes with a thick sole.

Each bike has a water holder where you can place your bottle ensuring that you do not break off to go drink water.

After assessing my comfort, the trainer asks me to test the pedals so I start to cycle, and he shifts my attention to the resistance button which essentially loosens and stiffens the pedals making it harder to cycle.

We start by doing warm-up exercises while slowly cycling. Our stretches focus on our hands, ankles, and wrists though we also do side stretches.

Then the music is pumped up and the trainer sets us on a cycling path. I soon find out that spinning is all about listening to the beat.

Different gyms provide spin classes of different lengths but most range from between 45 minutes to one hour and half. A single class will cost you an average of Sh1,000.



45 minutes

It's a mixtape so the music has been modified to create a variance which in turn determines how fast we ride.

We start with a smooth cycle before we are instructed to increase the resistance and the music tempo is changed to a faster beat.

A few seconds later the beat is staggered indicating a climb and we are instructed to get off the seat and continue cycling while leaning on the bars. It is much more difficult than you imagine. It felt like we were on the Tour de France.

The trainer walks around the room adjust-

ing resistance and encouraging us to stick to the beat, meaning slowing down and speeding up at all the right times.

This also means fastening the straps of the riders whose legs have slipped from pedal in the course of the intense exercise.

We are constantly reminded not to put our weight on the wrists, but rather lean on the handle bars especially when we rise from the seat to do the sprints.

Non-stop music

It's not long before the stretching glutes, hamstrings and quadriceps begin to flinch reminding me why I got on the fitness journey in the first place.

I look around and see other newbies as well as experienced riders pushing through. From the clock I notice that we are already halfway through the 45 minute class.

I let the music carry me through, time flies and soon we are doing cooling down exercises. The music tempo changes to a much slower one and I notice for the first time, my racing heart and sweat-drenched gym clothes.

We do a few more stretches similar to the ones we did when we started the session.

This time we also stretch our legs to get blood flowing into the muscles we had been flexing. Getting off the bike is similar to how you get on it, leaving the pedals only after braking.

Sh1,000

My first step on the floor and I feel as though I have engaged in some good aqua-aerobics.

It's an enjoyable exercises, but I am not quite sure I would have hacked it if I was doing it solo. It's good if you love group work-outs.

Different gyms in Nairobi provide spin classes of different lengths, but most range from between 45 minutes to one hour and half.

A single class will cost you an average of Sh1,000 though most gyms provide spinning classes as a package along with other work-out exercises.

Each spin session is divided into different cycling intensifies of fast and slow depending on the music beat. The bikes resistance can also be adjusted to make it seem as though you are riding uphill or that you are sprinting on a well tarmacked road.

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Gazing at Mt Kilimanjaro from Tawi Lodge Amboseli

All you have to do is sit still because the lodge, located in a conservancy, faces Africa's highest peak

BY JACKSON BIKO

Quite often as a quasi-travel writer when I go to a lodge, professionalism dictates that I sit down and have a chat with manager/owners who will tell me half the things that I can always find on their website.

Then they will walk me through the property, pointing at things. “That tree is 200 years old, we call her Sarafina. And that there is where we dispose of our garbage, very eco-friendly. That over there is a solar panel. And that chap there is Loiyan.” Calling out to Loiyan, “Hey Loiyan! Loiyan, do you have a moment? Please come over and tell us about that lion you killed when you were 12 years old.” Some of it is necessary because you will get interesting things and bobs about the lodge that offer your story a lot of girth and texture. Most times it’s dull.

Sit still

Sometimes you don't have to struggle to get to the soul of a lodge when all you have to do is sit still. Someone wise once said that man's problems

This is how Africa is supposed to be; untouched (seemingly), raw, silent and ominous looking, should you venture further inside this jungle.



Tawi Eco-Lodge is located in a 6,000-acre private conservancy.

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stems from his inability to sit still in a room.

And at Tawi Eco-Lodge all you have to do is sit still because the lodge itself, located in a private conservancy of 6,000 acres of it, sits still facing Mt Kilimanjaro. It sits in complete reverence to the mountain, and so you should mirror this poise.

Have a waiter bring over a bottle of wine to

your cottage where the plan will be to not move from the wooden-deck verandah. The 12 cottages are “earthen”, built with an influence of the old structures from the traditional dwellings. Since all of them face the mountain (actually anywhere you might in the lodge, you will see Mt Kilimanjaro) you will uncork your wine as you stretch into the



canvas seat.

You will most definitely see a herd of elephants not more than 100 meters from you. The conservancy is the home of elephants. Because of the flat terrain, the elephants can be seen and photographed with ease.

You will also see the Burchell's zebra, Grant's gazelle, buffalos, warthogs, black rhino, impala, waterbuck, dik-dik and maybe a vervet monkey.

If you are really lucky, you might see a lion or a spotted hyena. Cheetahs and leopards are not common. Are you a birder? There are 400 species including ibis, African fish eagle, crowned cranes, goliath herons, Egyptian goose and the cattle egret to mention but a few.

Move a muscle

But please, don't move a muscle, pour some more of your wine and stare at the beautiful vista peppered with indigenous plants and shrubs. Read a book. This is how Africa is supposed to be; untouched (seemingly), raw, silent and ominous looking, should you venture further inside this jungle.

Should your back feel sore at some point, walk to the main bar and dining area which itself is an architectural genius of sorts. The main door is made from a tortillas tree. The structure framed by very aged Blue Gum tree. The bar counter? Tortillas tree. The plaster on the walls was done from the red soil from Amboseli when the lodge was built in 2009 in 18 months by 400 strong local men and 18 wheelbarrows. This area is cosy and rustic at the same time. There is a fireplace. And a bar. Upstairs is a stargazing area from where you can carry you drink and have an extensive view of Mt Kilimanjaro and the wetlands where the animals come to water. I hope you carried your phone because animals come so close you need to document that and Instagram immediately.

Sundowner camel ride

The manager of Tawi Eco-Lodge is this super-cool eccentric chap called Menno Bartlema. He's a bushman; handy, innovative, passionate about the bush and ecosystem and a chef. Just call him Bushman, he won't mind. He got us on camels one evening and we trooped out for a sundowner in an open area surrounded by acacia trees and some thickets.

From this point you could almost touch Mount Kilimanjaro. He cracked open a bottle of wine, poured some whiskies, and we sat around this fire he had made and he regaled us with stories about the bush.

He's a storyteller, full of witticism and dry humour. You blink you miss a Mello joke. Two drinks later, we heard a commotion and a loud trumpet and about 100 meters away, ears flaring agitatedly, trunk in the air was this monstrous elephant totally pissed off. We scattered. All of us. The elephant charged for a few meters and stopped. It stared at us. I silently prayed to God it doesn't crash the single-malt.

Finally, it retreated after it realised we were just cowardly city slickers in fancy hats. As we walked back to the campsite we realised none of us had spilled our drinks as we ran. We all had a good laugh at that. We still do.

Embrace nature

That's the kind of adventure you will find at Tawi Eco-lodge, which by the way is only five minutes from Kimana gate leading to Amboseli National Park. The park literally blends into the brown environment. You go there because you love to stay close to the heartbeat of the wild. You go to disappear in the embrace of nature.

A ray of hope for infertile couples

Getting pregnant is no longer an elusive dream, as technology advances you can freeze your eggs, sperms

BY SARAH OOKO

Amid the talk of “having it all” with the right technology, the conversation is now slowly shifting to beating the odds on infertility; when we can make babies, with which genes or donor sperm or egg. Playing god is what medicine is for.

What happens when your husband works in China and the time is ripe to make baby number three? What if your partner wants a baby and your prostate cancer treatment is likely to impair your fertility. Or your sperm is not of good quality to sire a baby?

Getting pregnant is becoming an elusive and frustrating dream as more career women postpone child-bearing and young men lose sperm quantity and quality due to a myriad of reasons.

But as elective egg and sperm freezing, high-tech in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), use of donor eggs and sperms and surrogacy take off, these technologies are seen as a game changer for many who felt they had lost chances of getting babies.

In an attempt to curb some causes of infertility in Kenya, doctors are now encouraging young men and women to embrace sperm or egg preservation.

Freezing of sperms for later use—even after 10 years—is a common practice in Kenya, but egg freezing technology is yet to take off in the country, although plans are underway to introduce it next year.

Dr Wanjiru Ndegwa, a consultant gynaecologist and fertility specialist says sperms need to be of the good quality and quantity to increase a couple's chances of having babies. But certain procedures—such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment for prostate or other cancers of the reproductive organs—can adversely affect the health and the amount of sperms produced, rendering men unable to sire children.

“But this can be prevented if sperms from the patients are harvested and stored before cancer treatment is given,” Dr Ndegwa says.

Sperm freezing is also the safest bet to beat the biological clock. Sperm quality is often high in younger men and those who cannot find partners in their 20s and early 30s are opting to freeze them.

“I have done it because I don’t want to risk infertility when I am older,” says a 38-year-old banker who requested anonymity.

Men at risk of death or injuries, like soldiers, and those about to undergo a vasectomy could also freeze their sperms.

Men whose sperm quality deteriorates over time or who sporadically release quality sperms should also harvest them and have them stored, says Joyce Noreh, a fertility expert at Nairobi IVF clinic. Some men are also opting for sperm freezing so that their partners can continue having babies as they work or study abroad.

In Kenya, fertility clinics offering the sperm freezing services include the Nairobi IVF Centre, Mediheal, Nairobi Hospital, Aga Khan Hospital and Footsteps to Fertility Centre.

It costs between Sh10,000 to about Sh50,000 annually for the storage of frozen sperms.

When the egg freezing technology takes off, Dr Ndegwa notes that it will benefit Kenyan women racing to beat the maternal clock. Apart from quantity, the quality of eggs diminishes as a woman ages, increasing chances of abnormalities that can lead to miscarriages and birth defeats. Freezing eggs will buy them time to build their careers and seek ideal partners. In the West, women have also begun freezing the ovarian tissue. Slices from the ovary are surgically removed, preserved, then transplanted back into the woman's body when she's ready to try to get pregnant. This is ideal for also young women undergoing cancer treatment.

Stigma

But as more assisted reproductive technologies come into the Kenyan market, infertility still carries a lot of stigma. During a debate on the In-Vitro Fertilisation Bill, Joyce Lay, the Taita Taveta women representative gave an emotional speech on the frustrations she went through when she had to use a surrogate mother.

Her struggle ignited a fresh debate on



Infertile couples have many options to choose from. FOTOSEARCH

IVF FACTS



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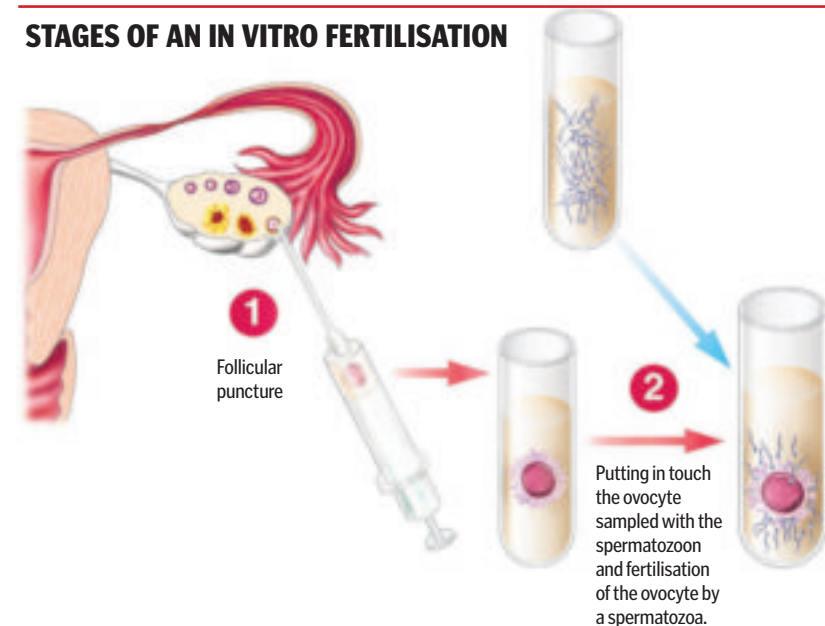
surrogacy and the expensive IVF gamble. Without laws, women who bear children through surrogates faces an uphill task of having legal ownership of their biological babies. Hospitals put the surrogate mother's name on the birth notification, with the real mother forced to adopt her own baby. For those who have no volunteer surrogates, they pay between Sh400,000 to Sh1 million.

For couples seeking IVF, one of the biggest obstacles is the cost, which is not covered by insurance companies. A session of IVF costs

about Sh350,000. And if the procedure is successful in the first round, the cost can go up to Sh1 million depending on how long it is done. Ms Noreh attributes the high cost to high taxes on IVF medication and the unavailability of trained workers to perform the procedure.

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STAGES OF AN IN VITRO FERTILISATION



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IVF and Intra-uterine Insemination can boost the chances of getting pregnant. FOTORESEARCH



Infertility is not a woman's problem. There is no shame in seeking medical help. FOTORESEARCH

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them into the country plus their medical fees is high, and the patients bear this cost. That's why we need to train our own local specialists," Ms Noreh says.

Infertility is also still seen as woman's curse. For men, understanding why they are producing less or quality sperms has implications beyond male fertility; it presents a roller coaster of emotions and a threat to masculinity. They rarely seek treatment. And Cecilia Karanja, who started Fertility Kenya—an organisation that supports men and women facing infertility challenges,

knows this too well.

Infertility killed the bliss in her marriage, one year after a dream wedding. Childlessness, she says, dealt a blow to her self-esteem, making her feel worthless. When she decided to seek medication attention, her husband was a bystander. It was a woman's disease.

Woman's responsibility

"Society tends to see a woman as the one responsible for making children," says Ms Karanja. But she found out she was not the problem. Her reproductive system was clean, but the doctor still gave her fertility drugs, just in case. "I took the drugs religiously, but nothing happened. I was getting desperate to get a child and save my marriage," she says.

Her husband finally decided to see a doctor, the test results came back – low sperm count. The diagnosis dented her husband's ego and he became possessive, controlling and abusive.

"He didn't want me near relatives or friends,

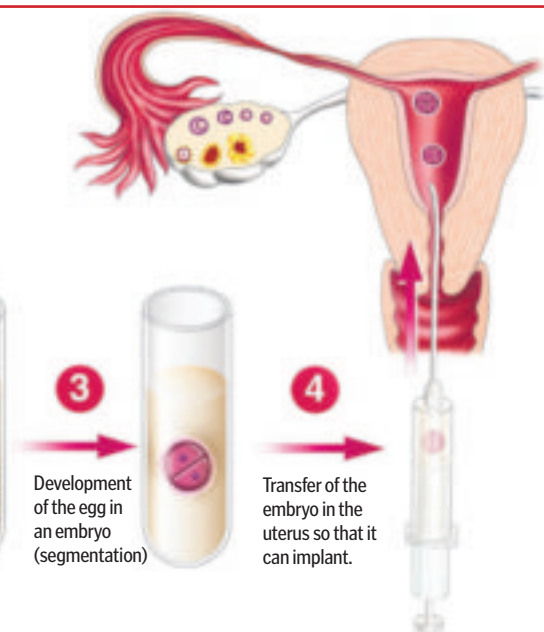


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he feared I would reveal his condition," she says. They divorced after six years of marriage. Two years later, she decided to give marriage a second chance. But soon, infertility stalked her, tearing apart the second marriage. Medical tests showed she had developed fibroids that blocked her fallopian tubes, a complication which required surgery. But before she could do the surgery, her husband left her and married another woman. "Some of my friends advised him to flee due to my history of a childless marriage," she says.

Ms Karanja plunged into depression. Eventually, three years ago she got a baby boy after undergoing surgery to unblock her fallopian tubes. Shortly thereafter, her second son was conceived, opening a fresh chapter in marriage.

Dr Koigi Kamau, an IVF consultant and lecturer at the University of Nairobi says that women tend to bear the burden of infertility alone as the society demonises and stigmatises.

Because most men have been socialised to believe that it's a woman's duty to give birth, he says, they rarely take the blame for infertility.

When the men finally come to hospitals, he says, many are resistant to semen analysis and show poor compliance to fertility treatments.

"Fertility is a shared responsibility between the man and woman. And it's okay to seek help when couples can't have children. It doesn't make you less of a man or woman," he says.

Fertility Kenya, is among the few scattered in the country, filling a huge gap that has existed in Kenya for long and that offers financial support to men and women to access various fertility treatment options. Kenya has made great strides

SOLUTIONS

- Infertility in women can be as a result of damage to the fallopian tubes or uterus. These problems may be addressed through surgery.
- When couples cannot have children due to hormonal abnormalities, medication may be given to increase sperm production in men or egg production (ovulation) in women.
- If the eggs of a woman are fine, but sperms cannot reach them for fertilisation, then Intra-uterine Insemination (IUI) is conducted. Doctors do this by harvesting sperms externally and placing them inside a woman's uterus to facilitate fertilisation.
- IUI procedure costs about Sh50,000 and if it fails, couples are advised to resort to IVF which is more expensive.
- More than 90 per cent of male infertility cases are due to low sperm counts, poor sperm quality, or both. Male infertility can also be caused by anatomical problems, hormonal imbalances, and genetic defects.

in birth control programmes, but not treating infertility.

More births

Dr Kavoo Linge, a consultant gynaecologist says that fertility challenges are not a priority for the government yet. "Population control is a problem...sorting infertility problems will mean encouraging more births," he says.

As the debate on the IVF Bill continues, many are banking on a new law so that they can afford to make a baby or adopt. The Bill proposes the establishment of at least one IVF centre in all Level 5 hospitals across the country. These centres will also act as linkages to adoption agencies.

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BDLIFE: GADGET



You can change settings on your electronic gadgets using your smartphone.

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Future is in smart homes as Internet of Things catches on

BY DOREEN WAINAINAH

From his sofa, Charles Nduati can tell his Amazon Echo speaker, “Alexa play the play music. Alexa, time for Reggae. Okay, read a book.” Alexa will hear the voice even when the music is playing loudly.

He can even ask the speaker questions and set alarms without moving a finger. Welcome to the world of Internet of Things (IoT).

In IoT, sensors are embedded in appliances and electronic devices, which can be connected to each other through Bluetooth, mobile-phone technology or Wi-Fi.

The 37-year-old web developer is one of the growing number of Kenyans appreciating the interconnectivity of gadgets and electronics. He owns one of the latest smartphones, a smart watch, an entertainment and gaming system, a computer and a tablet.

If tech companies have their way, everything you use daily, from your toothbrush to your door lock, will one day be connected to the Internet.

From music speakers monitored with a smartphone, Wi-Fi smart toys, smoke detectors, surveillance cameras, ovens to refrigerators, devices and services in homes and businesses are increasingly being connected to the Internet. All these can be connected to each other and a smart phone or tablet for easy control from a remote point.

Tech firms like Google, Microsoft, Samsung, IBM and Tecno are churning out gadgets embed with chips and apps.

“The Internet of Things is making it convenient for users to be able to integrate and connect devices. It is about convergence where everything is all looped up in a chain,” said Robert Ngeru, the Samsung Electronics East Africa vice president COO.

Technology has been evolving, coming a long way from a simple light bulb and the first telephone to lights that have brightness



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control and of course, smartphones. IoT has been the focus of the year with the electronics pageant, Consumer Electronics Show held this year being themed around the concept. Companies are racing to show off the latest smart gadgets, including mattresses that can monitor sleep patterns.

The growing appetite for the latest devices and electronics has been greatly fuelled by the growing middle-class with expendable income and access to the Internet.

Samsung products

In Kenya, statistics from Communication Authority of Kenya shows that the data/Internet subscriptions grew to 18.8 million between January and March up from 16.3 million subscriptions recorded during the last quarter. Internet users, as a result, rose

to 29.1 million up from 26.1 million the previous quarter. This raised the population with access to Internet to 71.7 per cent up from 64.1 per cent. As the number of Internet users rise so does the growth of IoT. By 2020, all products sold by Samsung will be connected to IoT, the Samsung chief executive BK Moon said during his speech at the CES earlier this year.

“It is about bringing what consumers need to their fingertips,” said Mr Ngeru.

This year, washing machines were added to the Internet of Things. The machine can access WiFi and through an app, you can control the wash and spin cycle from any point in the house, so long as your smart device is online.

With a smart TV in the house, there is no longer the need to have a desktop, one can project their laptop or phone screen to the TV and work from a larger screen.

Smart TVs have also allowed parents to monitor what their children watch or the games they play on smart devices.

“All you have to do is connect to the TV in the same network, and from my phone I can see what the children are seeing on their screen upstairs,” says Mr Ngeru.

According to data from technology firm Intel, by the year 2020, 50 billion intelligent machines and devices will be connected to the Internet. This means that 35 billion devices will be connected over the next five years.

Keyless ignition

The auto industry is also taking cue from household appliances maker. Keyless ignition has been taken a notch higher with smartwatches being the new key. LG partnered with Audi to unveil a smartwatch that allows owners to communicate with their cars, including remotely unlocking their vehicles.

The new trend on wearable technology is geared towards health, with most coming with inbuilt heart rate monitors and additional features that measure steps taken in a day and equivalent calories burnt.

“If I was to go see a doctor, all he would need to do is download my health information like heart-rate and exercise tracker from my smartwatch,” says Mr Ngeru. The information collected on smartwatches is synchronised across several devices and accessed on different platforms.

Use of speech

The rest of home entertainment has not been left behind. For users of the wireless gadgets, they don’t have to see the hanging wires near the entertainment systems. Home theatres and sound systems are now connected wirelessly and with some like the Amazon Echo, there is the added functionality of speech.

Earlier this year, LG announced the availability of music flow speakers in the local market.

Security has become a major concern for employees who leave their children in the hands of nannies or their homes at the mercy of domestic workers. Smart cameras and nanny cams are must-haves to keep children and the home safe. The cameras connected to the Internet can broadcast images and footage that can be accessed from a laptop or smartphone anywhere.

To ensure no unauthorised person accesses your bedroom or study room, smart locks pick up motions and an alert is sent to a smart device for action.

The IoT has not been limited to homes. In offices, wireless printers were the first to be brought on board to the connectivity between devices. Intel, through their latest processor the Core V Pro allows for the connection of devices in the same location without need for a physical network cable.

Windows 10 was launched at the end of last month, as Microsoft’s attempt to create seamless portability through devices. To allow for seamless connectivity, most softwares and processors have become cloud based.

But of concern is that IoT may turn into a playing ground for hackers. If all devices are interconnected, if one is hacked, the entire system can be altered.

Chrysler was last month forced to recall over 1.4 million vehicles after two hackers remotely accessed the Jeep Cherokee’s computer system.

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Getting rid of unwanted hair

Having chin or back hair is harmless, but it can be embarrassing writes Dr MUKUHI NG'ANG'A

All women have facial and body hair, but this hair is usually very fine and light in colour. This is part of normal skin structure and is barely noticeable. However, some women have excessive or unwanted hair that grows on their face, arms, back and chest/breasts. This is medically known as hirsutism. In general, hirsutism is a harmless condition but many women find it bothersome, or even embarrassing and often go to great lengths to get rid of it.

Genetics

In most cases, excessive hair is harmless and is due to genetics. It is particularly common in women of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and South Asian descent. Usually these women find that either their sisters or mother have the same hair growth pattern.

Hormonal problems

Women develop excessive body or facial hair due to higher-than-normal levels of male hormones. Male hormones are called androgens, and they include testosterone. All females produce androgens, but the levels normally remain low. In addition, medical conditions in which the body produces too much steroids (such as in Cushing's syndrome and adrenal over-activity) usually lead to excessive hair growth.

Polycystic ovarian syndrome

Some women develop multiple cysts in their ovaries and this can affect hormone production, resulting in irregular menstrual cycles and decreased fertility. This condition, known as polycystic ovarian syndrome is also associated with acne, a tendency to be overweight and puts them at risk for developing diabetes.

Tumours

Growths in the ovary, adrenal glands or brain can lead to hormonal imbalance which leads to hirsutism. (The adrenal glands are small organs found on top of the kidneys and produce hormones that affect kidney function, sexual development, blood pressure and body fat distribution).

Medication

Prescription medication used to treat asthma

and allergic conditions (steroids), epilepsy, hair loss and reproductive abnormalities such as endometriosis (a condition in which the lining of the uterus is found in unusual places such as the ovaries or intestines) can sometimes be the culprit in the development of hirsutism.

Seeking medical help

If you are concerned about your excessive hair growth, seek the advice of your doctor. The doctor will ask about your medical history whilst paying special attention to your menstrual cycles. If one has a normal cyclic pattern of menstrual periods, the hirsutism is most likely genetic (inherited).

If your menstrual cycles have always been irregular, the cause could be polycystic ovary syndrome. If the hirsutism and menstrual irregularity are new, evaluation for a potentially more serious condition, such as a tumour of the ovary, adrenal glands or pituitary gland is recommended.

Development of masculine characteristics such as a deepened voice, increased muscle size, baldness and enlarged clitoris usually needs assessment as well. Usually, hormonal levels and scans of your abdomen (and sometimes brain) may be required.

HOW TO MANAGE HIRSUTISM

Loss weight: Weight loss is essential. If you are overweight, research has shown even losing 5 per cent of your body weight can lower androgen levels and help decrease unwanted hair.

Depilation: This removes the part of the hair above the surface of the skin. Methods include shaving and use of over-the-counter creams.

Epilation: This involves removing intact hairs with their roots. Methods to temporarily remove hairs include tweezing and waxing.

Bleaching: Instead of removing unwanted body hair, some women use bleaching. Bleaching removes the hair colour, making the hair less visible. It can, however, cause skin irritation.

Laser hair removal: This is a permanent way of hair removal that involves using concentrated light rays to damage your hair follicles. Damaged follicles cannot produce hair, and the hair that is present falls out. Laser therapy carries a risk of burns, mild scarring and skin discoloration.



If you have too much hair, see a doctor.

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It requires several sessions before you notice any changes and it is also quite expensive. It is, however, available in Kenya.

Electrolysis: This is the removal of hair using an electric current. It involves inserting a tiny needle into each hair follicle. The needle emits electric current to damage and eventually destroy the follicle. Electrolysis is an effective permanent hair-removal procedure, but it can be painful and can sometimes lead to scarring. Just like laser therapy, it also requires several sessions to achieve the desired results.

Hormone therapy: Usually, hormones used to treat hirsutism must be taken for a long time because most of the disorders that cause high male hormone levels cannot be cured.

Medications may include:

Oral contraceptives: Birth control pills are a common treatment for hirsutism in women who don't want to become pregnant. They con-

tain the hormones oestrogen and progestin and treat hirsutism by reducing androgen (male hormone) production by your ovaries. Despite their easy availability in Kenya, do not start on birth control pills for hirsutism unless your doctor has evaluated you and found it to be the best treatment option for you.

Anti-androgens: These types of drugs block the activity of androgens in your body. They should, however, not be used in women who are planning to get pregnant as it causes birth defects (especially in the male baby). If you are of child bearing age and still wish to use anti-androgens, it is important to faithfully use contraception while taking them.

Treat underlying condition: Tumours usually require surgery and if they are cancerous, will sometimes require additional chemotherapy or radiotherapy. Adrenal over-activity can be treated medically with the help of a hormonal expert (endocrinologist).

Spearmint tea may help treat excess body hair

A few mugs of spearmint tea could help women combat excess facial and body hair, Turkish researchers report. Women with excess body hair, a condition known as hirsutism, who drank two cups of the herbal tea a day for five days showed significant reductions in their levels of free testosterone. Typical treatments for hirsutism target excess levels of male hormones, and include oral contraceptives to prevent the produc-

tion of these hormones or drug treatment to block the body's response to them. The researchers previously noted that drinking peppermint tea seemed to lower the libido in some men, which prompted them to investigate spearmint as an anti-hirsutism treatment. Hirsutism is characterised by excessive hair growth on the face, breasts and belly, and affects about five per cent of women. The researchers had 21 women with hirsutism drink

a tea prepared from a heaping teaspoon of dried spearmint leaves twice daily. Twelve of the women had polycystic ovary syndrome, while the rest had hirsutism with known cause. After five days, the women's levels of free

testosterone (the biologically active form) declined, although their total testosterone level stayed the same. Women's levels of luteinising hormone, follicle stimulating hormone, and estrogen rose, while their triglyceride levels dropped significantly. Women with high male

hormone levels may also have high levels of triglycerides, insulin resistance, and obesity, the researchers note. "Spearmint can be an alternative to antiandrogenic treatment for mild hirsutism. However, further studies are needed for testing the reliability and availability of spearmint as a drug for hirsutism," the researchers conclude.

Reuters



BDLIFE: ARTS AND CULTURE

Visualising bipolar disorder through patterned dots

Artist reveals insight into his mind, the mood swings through paintings

BY MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

Visceral is a term that aptly describes Andrew Mwini Mutuku's three dimensional (or is it 4D) exhibition and installation that opened last week at Kuona Trust. Deeply emotional or intuitive art.

It's a term that's applicable because it not only conveys the emotional substance that went into Mwini's creation of a conceptual art exhibition; it also defines what's required of his audience to garner the essence of the artist's insight into his own mind and soul.

For while we know of a myriad of renowned artists who paid much attention to painting their own self-portrait—artists like Rembrandt and Van Gogh among others, we know of few who chose to create a series of self-portraits of their mind using abstract images as unassuming as a set of dots.

Yet the dots are all strategically placed atop mirrors meant to create reflections which seem to suggest the viewer is a participant in each of the more than 20 pieces in Mwini's first Kenyan solo show.

Already by the title, one is informed the exhibition is meant to be experienced 'viscerally', intuitively. In that way, one might tune



Mwini Mutuku with fellow artist and wife Maral Bolouri.

PHOTO BY MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

into the emotional state that the artist aims to convey in each of his works of art, works he concedes cannot be called 'paintings' or even sculptures although the fire engine red vinyl matting in which his dots are embedded is thick enough to create a relief effect.

What's more, Mwini said he intended to create one emotionally-charged sculpted work on the day of the exhibition opening to cap off the heightened feelings he has had as he has sought to clarify and convey his bi-

polar mood swings in this show. According to his curator Ross van Horn, the way Mwini's works are hung will hopefully also have some effect on the viewer and the way he or she receives and responds to it. For on a superficial level, one might simply appreciate the minimalist approach Mwini has taken, using only two colours, red and white, an ordinary set of mirrors and an assortment of inexplicably patterned dots.

But the simplicity of the artist's style may be deceptive since he explains every pattern is specifically structured to reflect his wide range of moods.

Having been diagnosed at some point in his career as being bipolar disorder, Mwini has apparently set out in this show to artistically map all or most of the assorted emotions that he experiences from day to day.

But if one doesn't immediately grasp the essence of his moods as they are portrayed in his own original sign-language, then I recommend taking time to watch the videos which are part of his total installation.

Conceived in collaboration with his videographer friend Norman Mageto (who Mwini met in Malaysia where they both went to university), the videos further convey the powerful momentum of every mood. Each one is fascinating, especially as they were created jointly: Mwini explaining the way a mood affected him in real time and Mageto intuitively translating his friend's emotional concepts into a series of vibrant short videos, one for nearly every piece in the show.

On opening night, Mwini set the videos to the music made by Australian Aboriginal musicians whose distinctive sound throbbed throughout the opening.

Mwini hopes the sound track of the didgeridoo, the Aboriginals' original instrument, will run throughout his week-long exhibi-



Mwini Mutuku and curator Ross van Horn.

PHOTO BY MARGARETTA WA GACHERU

FASHION

Fashion trends with health risks

BY STELLAR MURUMBA

Is fashion being taken to the extreme? Some trend-conscious people will do whatsoever it takes to keep up the newest styles. However, experts have expressed concerns over the health hazards that come with these trends. Robert Burale, an image consultant says image is important, but people should consider the health risks. Mr Burale says some trends, for both men and women, like corsets/spanx, tight jeans, jeggings, body piercings, tatoos, fake sunglasses, stiff-collared shirts, jewelry, lipstick, oversized bags, high-heeled shoes, can be the origin of many health problems. This is how dangerous trends can disfigure anybody daring enough to sport them.

SKINNY JEANS

Dr Stephen Oyire says if you feel restrained when sitting, those skinny pants are way too tight. What's the damage? Men who put on tight skinny jeans subject themselves to greater risks. Pressing their strongholds in tight clothes is a threat to their libido with high chances of bladder problems, urinary tract infections and twisted testicles. Tight skinny jeans can insert irritating weight on vital spinal nerves.

Tight jeans can clamp down the nerve, leading to a painful, numb feeling in the thigh known as meralgia paresthetica.

To be safe, Dr Oyire advises one to shop for freer fitting jeans that do not place too much pressure on the abdomen. "For women opt for looser materials like cotton, linen as a preventive measure for yeast and fungous infections."

SPANX, THICK WAIST BELTS, CORSETS

Women started wearing corsets as undergarments to shrink their waistlines in the 16th Century. Very tight corsets are know to cause indigestion, constipation, frequent fainting from difficulty in breathing and even internal bleeding. The Spanx is the new shapewear, worn by from the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Kim Kardashian to Oprah Winfrey. Men also wear them to trim their waistlines. Body-hugging undergarments press on internal body organs while weakening abdominal muscles. "This eventually results to gastrointestinal discomfort such as heartburn, weaker bladder control. Wearing tinny, waist-skimming belts occasionally while keeping your core with belly exercises," Dr Oyire says.

HUGE/HEAVY BAGS

Carrying big handbags is quite careless, says Dr Oyire. "Women feel the pressure exerted on their shoulders and backs, but they choose to overlook just to keep up with the trend at the expense of their health," he says.

The weighty bags result in lasting back pains that can injure the spine, a condition that is avoidable. Huge women handbags might be a popular style, but the additional carrying space can cause physical pain on the elbow, neck and back pain. This can be prevented by substituting them with smaller bags. Also switch shoulders frequently to avoid pressure on one spot.

Dr Oyire says that daily use of heavy bags can result to rapid irritation and soreness of the shoulder joint. "Prolonged use on one shoulder leads to unwarranted muscle pains, slanted and disfigured posture," he says.



tion. That may not happen since the sound is an acquired taste.

Nonetheless, it felt like a perfect track to enhance the visceral effect of Mwini's installation cum exhibition on August 6th.

For me, his show also proved that what some people claim is a mental "disorder" may simply be an unconventional, even "beautiful" mind—that simply isn't easily traced, tested or valued for its originality and emotional genius.

Just before Mwini's exhibition opened at Kuona, the Botswanan artist Moses Maarambele had a show of stunning semi-abstract animal paintings that he had produced during his short residency at Kuona Trust.

The Trust has become a popular venue of artists from all over the world to come and work for short stints, invariably displaying amazing artworks before they return home.

Finally, Peter Ngugi's second solo exhibition just opened at One Off Gallery. Ngugi is another Kenyan artist who is creating cutting-edge art.

As such, it will be reviewed next week in *BD Life*.



Hedgehogs by Q. Moses MARGARETTA WA GACHERU



Bobbi Kristina Brown. AFP



Peaches Geldof. AFP



Sage Stallone. AFP

Troubled lives of celebrity children

Money, fame are things many wish for, but they come with downsides

BY BILL ODIDI

The death of Bobbi Kristina Houston Brown, the daughter of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown is a reminder of the troubled lives that children of famous stars endure. The combination of celebrity culture and the demands of walking the path of mega stardom is a potent mix that has in some cases brought devastating consequences to the so called "celebrity children."

While it may appear that growing up in a family where both parents are superstars, as in the case of the gap-toothed Kristina, is a charmed life, the reality often turns out to be often very tumultuous for celebrity offspring. What impact does growing up in the glare of publicity and stardom have on children? Kristina's case is all the more eerie because she died in circumstances that are very similar to her own mother's death in 2012.

Drug abuse

The 22-year-old died nearly six months after she was found unconscious in a bathtub at her home apparently having suffered brain damage. Her mother accidentally drowned in a bathtub in a hotel after what a medical report revealed to be heart disease and cocaine overdose.

Kristina was known to have struggled with substance issues and used heroin and cocaine. In the book "Whitney and Bobbi Kristina: The Deadly Price of Fame" Ian Halperin says Kristina was a wild child who never stood a chance growing up in an environment where her own mother

DEATHS OF CELEBRITY CHILDREN

2008: **Andrew Young, 20**, the son of rap mogul **Dr Dre** dies of a drug overdose

2012: **Sage Stallone, 36**, son of **Sylvester Stallone** dies of a heart attack

2014: **Peaches Geldof, 25**, daughter of **Bob Geldof** and **Paula Yates** dies of heroin overdose. Her mother had also died after a similar overdose in 2000.

2015: **Bobbi Kristina Brown, 22**, daughter of **Whitney Houston** and **Bobby Brown**, dies after six months in a coma.

was battling drug addiction.

Sexual identity

The book published after Kristina fell into a coma, draws parallels between Whitney's struggles with her sexual identity (rumours persisted throughout her career that she was lesbian), drug abuse and a trouble marriage, an environment the author writes led Kristina into substance abuse by age 14.

Here was a child that watched as her grandfather sued his daughter in 2003 and her own father, Bobby, was arrested on charges that included battery of her mother. Whitney and Bobby split after 15 years of marriage in April 2007 when Kristina was just 14 and her mother died four years later. It hard to be just a regular child if you are driven to school in a chauffeured Rolls Royce and the gossip columns are calling you a "party girl" and a "problem child" when barely in your teens.

Being born to a world famous parent, never mind both parents in Kristina's case, adds to the pressure by raising expecta-

tions that the offspring has inherited the creative genes and can soar to the same heights as her parents. From the moment she appeared on stage at the age of two as her mother accepted an American music award, Kristina led her entire life in the shadow of the celebrity spotlight, especially her mother's.

World concert

She did that sweet opening line "sing mummy" on Whitney's "My love is your love" in 1999 and sang the Christmas carol "Little drummer boy" together with her mother in 2003. Concert goes around the world will remember the sight of the little girl on stage during Whitney's tours. Kristina also appeared on the 2012-2013 TV reality show "The Houstons: On our own" that went behind the scenes in the turbulent relationship between her parents.

Stories of celebrity children who have struggled to cope with the pressure of growing up in the spotlight are common. The family of rocker and humanitarian activist Bob Geldof has endured a history of tragedies related to drug abuse. His daughter Peaches who was just 25-years-old died of a heroin overdose in her home near London last year. Geldof's ex-wife Paula who was a TV presenter in the UK also died of a heroin overdose in 2000, three years after her lover, Australian singer Michael Hutchence committed suicide in a hotel room in Sydney, Australia.

After the news of Bobbi Kristina's death, Fifi Geldof who lost both her mother and sister to heroin said the choice to use drugs or not ultimately lies with the individual. "The blame lies solely on the people making those choices for themselves...they aren't forced to take that drink, that snort, that shot that may or may not kill them," she wrote on Facebook.

HIGH HEELS

Your legs may appear longer and leaner in them, but the health risks might be long-lasting. Though they have been an admired fashion style for long, Dr Oyire advises that one should often alternate between shoe types.

This is because, the added height of high heels tend to throw one's whole alignment into disarray as extra strain is exerted on the lower back, hips and knees rather than the body weight being uniformly spread through your feet. Pairing high heels with skinny jeans makes the condition even worse, he says.

The boost from heels causes the pelvis to slant, thus more burden on your thighs. Heels, if worn daily may cause painful bunions, hammertoes among other conditions. Just like the body-hugging garments, wear high heels occasionally.

TIES AND COLLARED SHIRTS

A great culprit of fashion faux pas and health issues for men result from neckties and stiff-collared shirts. If they are pretty tight at the neck area, they can reduce blood flow to the brain exposing one to glaucoma—damage of eye's optic nerve—and neck pain.





EAT OUT

Six Italian restaurants worth checking out

Nairobi is bubbling with various authentic Italian restaurants which offer everything from pizza to pasta and antipasti. Here are six sweet spots you should seriously consider visiting



Colosseum

West End Towers, off Waiyaki Way, Westlands

Yummy suggests: If you love a good sandwich then don't skip their vast selection.

Named after the famous structure in Rome, this coffee bar and restaurant is as grand in food and drink as its name implies. Escape the hustle and bustle of Westlands by enjoying coffee, wine or beer over a delicious, authentic meal prepared by their in-house Italian chef. Given its location, Colosseum really is great for lunches and meetings too.

Mambo Italia

Lavington Curve Mall, James Gichuru Road, Lavington

Yummy Suggests: Enjoy their pizzas with an ice cold beer on tap from Big Five Breweries.

Colourful, funky and upmarket is the best way to describe Mambo Italia. Watch your pizza being prepared from the open plan kitchen and enjoy cold, draught beers from Big Five.



Trattoria

Kaunda Street, Nairobi CBD

Yummy Suggests: Wonderful place for sundowners and a meal after watching a movie at the IMAX which is just around the corner.

One of the most romantic spots in the CBD, Trattoria's balcony frames the city's energy in a magical way. Step out of the manic city and into a slice of Italy. The food menu is as expansive and diverse as the city it's located in. It's easy to get lost but stick to the pizza, pasta and chef's specials and you won't go astray.



La Dolce Vita

Muthaiga Shopping Centre

Yummy suggests: Be sure to try their truffle pasta!

A meal at this much-loved restaurant truly is the good life. Tucked away in a small shopping centre, the restaurant is extremely cozy. The simple decor — warm color tones of cream white and red with wine bottles decorating the room — feels like a charming dining room in someone's home. Keep an eye out for their chef's special menu and make sure to explore their lovely wine selection — don't hesitate to ask for advice with this.

Osteria del chianti

Village Market, Gigiri.

Yummy suggests: Truffle Pasta

Romance is the word that comes to mind when discussing Osteria's intimate Village Market branch. Step out into their cosy open air seating reminiscent of a charming outdoor restaurant in Italy. Grilled fish and meat is something they do well here along with the other traditional Italian dishes.

Mediterraneo Nine West

Ground Floor Nine West Building, Westlands

Yummy Suggests: Try their smoked sailfish as a starter — something you don't get at many places in Nairobi and very tasty too.

This Westlands branch of Mediterraneo is in a great location for those wanting lunch in the area during the week. It also offers an enchanting view of this business district at night — being delicately designed on the inside overlooking the gritty, bustling suburb.

BOOZE BREAK

A break from alcohol

BY JACKSON BIKO

I think a big part of drinking is also stepping away from alcohol for a while and saying, "OK, I will take a break now."

Especially when you take hard liquor like whisky or brandy or gins. It's OK to step back. It means you are a responsible drinker.

It means you care about your liver and your general health. Some people would like to call it a detox, but strictly speaking it's not, it's a booze break.

Being in a booze break doesn't mean you avoid the bar, because then that will imply that you lack self control, or that you can easily succumb to peer pressure. You continue sitting with the boys and girls only that you stop taking alcohol.

Six months

It could be a month, or two months or even six months. In that time, you only drink soda water or tonic water or sparkling water. Or for a change you can try the mocktails, as long as it doesn't come with an umbrella or a lit candle.

Sitting with people who are drinking while you don't can be difficult.

There is always someone who is making fun of you. Or shoving booze down your throat. There are the bold men and women who will shamelessly order a cup of tea on the same table folk are drinking liquor.

Those are the very strong

personalities who don't give a rat's ass. They are very few and far apart. The rest of us want to blend in because we hate attention. So you will order drinks that look like you are drinking alcohol when you aren't. The best drink to have in this circumstance is the soda/tonic water with a slice of lemon.

Order it in a short glass. You can throw in an ice cube. It looks like you are having vodka or gin. Nurse this drink through the evening.

Beauty of break

The beauty of being on a break while seated with those who aren't is that you can observe how the evenings usually are.

You can study habits. You can see yourself in others because you will be standing on the outside looking in.

You might be shocked or impressed at who you are, what your friends are and how much you spend on alcohol on a good night. The clincher is you don't get a hangover the next morning.

Three-week period

You wake up fresh and you feel healthy and strong and focused and when you look at your wallet you will know how much you had there before you went to bed. The bonus is you will be giving your liver some space to take a small vacation.

I just finished a three-week no-alcohol period. Days spent in bars drinking water and fighting the urge to order a double. But it's been worth it.

DRINK

Wines of the week

Our latest issue is a comprehensive guide to everything you need to know about wine and how to enjoy it in this city. On that note, here are two nice Nederburg wines if you're looking for something bound to make your supper sing, writes Wendy Watta.

56 HUNDRED CHENIN BLANC

Country: South Africa

Price: Sh1,350

Available at Chandarana Supermarket

Nose: White peach, guava and apricots.

Palate: Well-balanced with delicate layers of ripe fruit and a pleasant finish.

Food pairing: Pork, chinese food, mild curries, liver and baked puddings.

WINEMASTER'S RESERVE RIESLING

Country: South Africa

Price: Sh1,200

Available at Chandarana

Nose: Floral and fruity with pineapple and spicy notes.

Palate: Off-dry, crisp and fresh with hints of pineapple and lime flavours with a lively finish.

Food pairing: Seafood, spicy dishes, dishes with cream based sauces, or as an aperitif.



BDLIFE: MIND GAMES

QUICK CROSSWORD 2303

ACROSS

1 Bill; nose(4)

4 Successor (4)

8 Idiot (4)

9Beach footwear (4-5)

11Overtly (6)

13Defeat (7)

15Frightened (6)

16Skin disease (6)

18Heavy food (6)

20Occupation (6)

22With no legal force (7)

23Talent (anag.) (6)

25Trojan present? (4,5)

26Yobbo (4)

27Expensive (4)

28Transport charge (4)

DOWN

2Long fishes (4)

3Smoked herring (6)

4Assisted (6)

5Inflict (6)

6Contradicted (9)

7Massacre (4)

10Exceptional (7)

12Requests (4)

13Storyteller (9)

14Bordering (7)

17Dismissive (4)

19Lure (6)

20Carton (anag.) (6)

21To con (3,3)

23Pause (4)

24Russian ruler (4)

TIMES CROSSWORD 24,927

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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9 10

11 12

13 14 15 16

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18 19 20 21

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23 24

25 26

27 28

ACROSS

1 Take judicious amount of 14, say (6)

4 Second present: head gear that may come to a peak (7)

9 Quickly heading away from Northeast by twelve inches (5)

10 Runs back, having dash in German region (9)

11 Declining unit accepts article with-out enthusiasm (2,3,4)

12 Musical movement's stuffiness, extremely unlikeable(5)

13 One largely cherished notion (4)

14 One'sgreatfor relieving drudge, worn out (6,4)

18 Weather defence related between American and British strangers (10)

20 What do you think you're looking at?(4)

23 Head bishop in times gone by (5)

24 Something straight and attractive and perhaps glossy in one's hair (3,6)

25 Go in a tribe, heading off to go walkabout? I might(9)

26 Stoppage barring small child's means of transport?(5)

27 Some echo the advice for impetuous person (7)

28 Governor General involved in with-drawing study that has an incisive point (6)

DOWN

1 Arbitrarygovernment place is held by Democrat(9)

2 Let off after mocking performance, one keeps getting knocked down (7)

3 Person whoempties drainage trough (6)

4Harmonise with Englishmusic col-lection (5)

5Perhaps start sniping where you could be grilling (4,4)

6Bell possibly dropped by accident? (7)

7Bit of stationeryconcerning clerical worker (5)

8Escape monster blowing top in fight (5,3)

15 Diplomatic investigator with awk-ward secret (8)

16 Spooner'smost suitableclothing for achange of draught? (5,4)

17 Unknown quantityinscrambled files, ie not compressed or expanded (4-4)

19 Bend Conservativeaware of Right's extremes (7)

21 Not-very-alcoholic mixed gin makes youthirsty(7)

22 Something said to focusconcentra-tion of crew turning craft (6)

23 Book headstrong forward(5)

24 Porridge holds answer forScottish inventor (5)

SUDOKU 054 WORD WHEEL 0531

8 4 9 7 3 1

1 4 6

3 7 8 10 11

9 2 5 8

6 2 3 2 6

5 6 9 7 8 5

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anti-clockwise.

CODEWORD 3196

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, if 18 represents "C," fill in C every time the figure 18 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. SOLUTION appears in Business Daily on Monday.

WORD BUILDER 544 TRIO 362

How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word. Good = 16; Excellent = 22; Amazing = 29

These four words can be completed using the same three-letter sequence. Can you find it?

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D__ _ _R

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SOLUTION FOR TIMES CROSSWORD AT LEFT

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU AT RIGHT

SOLUTIONS FOR QUICK CROSSWORD. WORD WHEEL, CODEWORD, WORD BUILDER AND TRIO WILL APPEAR IN BUSINESS DAILY ON MONDAY

BDLIFE: WEEKLY PLANNER

KENYA BUZZ WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

ART

African Contemporary: Redhill Limuru, until August 15th. A selection of the gallery's collection.

Art & Picnic in the Park - Family Edition: Karura Forest, August 15th. Come out, paint and play.

Art Exhibition: Visceral: Kuona Trust, until August 20th. A conceptual exhibition by Mwini Mutuku that explores emotions and the mind through mirrors.

Exhibition: Faces by Michael Soi: Circle Art Agency, until August 24th. We are getting excited for Faces by Michael Soi's starting this August.

Paintings by Moses Muigai: National Museums of Kenya, until August 31st. The gallery showcases a diversity of Kenya's art.

Tomorrow Is Today by Peter Ngugi: One Off Contemporary Art Gallery, until Sept 2nd. An extraordinary range of works including oil on canvas paintings, timber cut outs and mixed media assemblages.

Peter Ngugi & the Exhibition: Rosslyn Gallery, until Sept 2nd. His second solo show.

Two African Artistic Geniuses: Nairobi Gallery, until September 20th. An exhibition of works by Elkana Ongesa and Expedito Mwebe Kibbula.

A Stitch in Time by Anne Ntinyari Mwiti: Nairobi National Museum, until Oct 15th. Investigates the role of individuals in mitigating peace within the global scene.

THEATRE & STAGE

Cabi Yene: Phoenix Players, August 14th. The undisputed kings of original kikuyu comedy plays are back with another blockbuster.

57th Poetry Slam Africa: Alliance Française, Nairobi, August 16th. Brings together some of the country's fast rising spoken word poets to battle it out.

Sorry I Love You: Phoenix Players, until August 16th. Helen has broken up with her boyfriend Pete. She meets two people who prove significant to her in different ways.

Ruga Njite: Alliance Française, Nairobi, until August 16th. You don't want to miss this epic come back of the rib cracking kikuyu comedy.

Open Mic Nite: The Blues Restaurant, Fridays. For a night of poetry, good food and drinks.

Kenya Kona Thursday Night Showdown: Jockey Pub, Hilton Hotel, Thursdays. A riveting experience for your mind and ribs.

CHARITY EVENTS

Cancer Gala: Villa Rosa Kempinski, August 18th. To celebrate, encourage and promote active participation in EHCF volunteer programs, donations and contributions, sponsorship and partnerships.

Talent Exposed: Alliance Française, Nairobi, August 15th. Focuses on finding talented kids from children's homes.

#FeedTheHomelessFriday: Fridays. Are we as a nation capable of regularly feeding 100,000 homeless people? Yes we are.

DANCE

Afro-Dance Workshops: Kenya Cultural Centre, until October 29th. Come learn African and Afro-diasporic movement and rhythms.

Kizomba Progressive Dance Course: Southern Sun Mayfair, Sundays. Focused on progressive development for your social Kizomba dancing.

MOVIE

THE FANTASTIC FOUR

When four people teleport to an alternate universe, which alters their physical form and grants them new abilities, they must learn to harness their abilities and work together as a team to save the Earth from a familiar enemy.

Genre: Action

Cast: Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara, Jamie Bell



Kudunda - Dance Fitness Classes: Shani Active Gym & Studios, ABC Place, Fridays & Saturdays. If you like to dance, then move into fitness with Kudunda.

Contemporary Dance Classes: ABC Place, Mondays. The dance routines are set to popular music. All levels welcome.

Hip Hop Dance Classes: ABC Place, Wednesdays. Come learn the latest moves from your favorite music videos from a professional hip hop dance instructor from Los Angeles and Chicago.

Capoeira Angola Classes: Y.M.C.A Kenya - Central Branch, Mondays & Wednesdays. Capoeira Angola can be described as a martial art, dance and a cultural weapon.

Zumba with Magic Mike: The Oshwal Sports Complex, Every Wednesday and Saturday. Join Magic Mike for the most exhilarating workout of your life!

Detour Friday Night Dance: Southern Sun Mayfair, Every Friday. You've seen guys dancing to Latin music before, you've wished you could do it just like them... well you can!

Viva Espana Salsa Night:Artcaffe Restaurant - The Oval, every Friday. Enjoy an evening of Spanish music, cocktails and dancing.

Zumba Fitness: Sarabi Pool and Supper Club, alternate Saturdays. Sankara Nairobi presents a Zumba fitness experience to remember with PJ.

FASHION & BEAUTY

ST John Ambulance Fashion Frenzy: St Mary's School Nairobi, August 14th. This year we have a whole lot to showcase,

NIGHTLIFE

Party Time Featuring Archery, Longbow and Disco: Timau Sports Club, August 15th. With DJ Babs and many more activities.

Meet and Mingle Monday: Club Fahrenheit, every Monday. Meet and Mingle Monday at Club Fahrenheit Emabakasi for a special interaction night & surprises.

Disco Diva Night: The Tree House, every Saturday. Ready to bring you a blast from the past.

Royal Africa Galore: G-Skyye Lounge, August 20th- 22nd. Call for all fashion designers and partners. Both established, upcoming and student designers for our main launch in October.

Overtime Fridays: Sheebeen The Bar, every Friday. Ladies and Gents there's a new Friday night plan.

Bobs Karaoke Nite: Bobs Bar, every Monday. Bobs bar presents Karaoke nite on each and every Monday.



don't miss out!

Local Kids Fashion Weekend: Michael Joseph Centre, August 16th. An event created to nurture and expose talent of the young minded kids through interactivity in the fashion show and mentorship sessions.

FESTIVALS/CRAFT FAIRS

Mombasa International Cultural Festival: Mama Ngina Drive, August 14th-23rd . The festival was designed to inform, educate and celebrate our cultural diversity as a people, in one county.

High Court Grounds Maasai Market: High Court Grounds, Every Saturday. The place to get beautiful sculptures, shoes, jewellery, clothes and a huge selection of other Kenyan crafts.

The Junction Musical Maasai Market: The Junction Mall Rooftop, Every Thursday. For a wonderful selection of arts and crafts, wooden carvings and beadwork.

FILM

The Marshal of Finland and Malika: PAWA254, August 16th. A rare screening of one of Kenya's best films.

Sarabi Movie Nights: Sarabi Pool and Supper Club, every Sunday. Sankara Nairobi presents Sarabi Movie Nights every Sunday evening.

EXPOSITIONS

2nd International Fashion Fair 2015 : KICC, until August 16th . A great opportunity to promote your goods through representatives of reliable wholesaler companies and trade shops.

Athieno in Concert Thursday Nite Live: Choices Pub and Restaurant, August 20th. An artist who has a mission to showcase Africa's diversity, creativity and intellect through song.

The Jazz Conversation 2nd Edition: Event Haven Ltd, August 15th. It will be another open stage platform for you all who run jazz in the veins.

Afro Beat Wednesdays: K1 Klub House, every Wednesday. Experience happiness with Kitts Band live on stage with the best of Rhumba.

Wednesday Jazz: Flame Tree Restaurant, Wednesdays. With a define selection of succulent ribs and chops, classic cocktails and fine jazz tunes.

The Blue Elephant featuring Hornithology and The Birds: The Elephant, every Tuesday. Jazz lovers in Nairobi, we welcome you.

Jazz Featuring Joseph Hellon: Dari Restaurant and Coffee Gardens. Featuring Joseph Hellon with Jether House Band.

SPORTS

Tsavo Rugby 7's: D Mwanyumba Stadium, Wundanyi, August 14th- 16th. A fun and exciting rugby tournament.

Maasai Mara Marathon: Maasai Mara, August 15th. A spectacular annual race held in the scenic and world acclaimed Maasai Mara National Reserve.

Skating Back to Life: Nyayo National Stadium, August 16th. An awareness walk to support the fight to alleviate the suffering borne by diabetics, hypertensive and heart patients.

Baisikeli Maridadi 16 Day Cycle Tour: Jeevanjee Gardens, until August 24th. 16 day camping and cycling tour; experience the people, culture, wildlife and landscapes of this amazing continent.

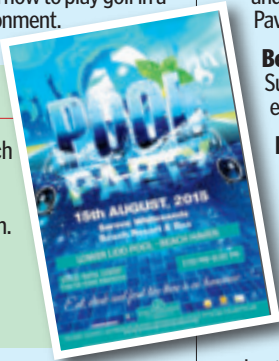
The Divas Soccer Club Football Training: The Arena Futsal, until October 3rd. Are Mombasa ladies ready? Let us take fun to the next level.

Luminous Sports 5-A-Side Football League: The Arena Futsal, until December 19th. Luminous Sports are organising a professional Futsal League for Mombasa playing at 'The Arena'.

Detour Golf Classes: Royal Golf Course, Every Saturday. Learn how to play golf in a fun, interactive environment.

HOT EVENT OF THE WEEK

Pool Party: Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, August 15th. Eat, drink and feast like there is no tomorrow. Kick off your shoes and relax in the sun.



KIDS EVENTS

Art Workshops for Kids: Kuona Trust, August 14th. A series of workshops for children between 3 and 15 years.

Rising Girls: Mentorship Program for Age 8-15yrs: Parklands Sports Club, August 15th. To prepare girls to face the world, listen to their concerns, inspire them to dream big, and set goals towards leadership.

Angaza Life and Career Mentoring Sessions: Machakos Kenyatta Stadium, August 17th-19th . An innovative and interactive session for kids aged between 10-17 years to learn core life values.

August Holiday Camps: Brackenhurst Hotel and Conferences, until August 18th. To give young people between the ages of 10-15 years an experience of a lifetime.

Kids & Teens ICT Boot Camp: Strathmore University, until August 21st. Designed to motivate and inspire the students to bring their creative ideas to life.

2000 Leagues Under the Sea Summer Workshop: The Nairobi Art Centre, until August 28th. Specially designed to educate children and youth in the world of Art & Crafts.

Kidz Cooking Corner: Fourways Junction, every Wednesday & Saturday. Learn how to bake desserts that are yummy among other stuff.

Summer Holidays Mini Art Camps: Little Peacoco Arts Studio, weekly. All set for the long summer holidays? We'll be running mini-art camps twice daily for 3 - 13 year olds.

Yellow Sparrows Craft Centre: Bambini Montessori School, Every Saturday. Children's craft classes which include craft-based skills, basic entrepreneurship and technology in arts.

It's Swim Time: Sankara, Weekly. Bring your friends and splash around during our family swim.

Kids Art Classes: Adega Restaurant, Every Monday,Thursday. Great times, book today, call us and have fun.

Bumblebee Soccer & Tennis: Public Service Club, Saturdays. Seeks to empower children through sports and developing their sporting abilities.

FOOD/WINE

The Marie Pierre Wine Club: The WestEnd Hotel, August 15th. Do you love wine? Are you curious about wine?

Wake Up Your Taste Buds: Artisan Sankara, until August 31st. Join us for a gourmet dinner buffet featuring best global cuisines at Artisan on Monday to Friday.

Authentic Indian Specialities: Cafe Villa Rosa, Every Sunday. Enjoy authentic regional Indian cuisine.

Steak Friday: SarovaPanafric Hotel, Every Friday. Whether you like it well done, medium rare or devilishly rare.

Sunday Dive and Dine: Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, Every Sunday. Enjoy authentic Swahili breakfast and BBQ lunch every Sunday at Pavilions Restaurant.

Bend & Brunch: Tribe Hotel, Every Sunday. Join us for Bend & Brunch every Sunday at Tribe.

Burger Wednesday: Carnivore Restaurant, Every Wednesday. All you can eat burgers for lunch and dinner every Wednesday at the Carnivore.

Special Events

My Rodeo Birthday Party: The Thai Place, August 14th. We are hosting a rodeo themed event.

Father-Son Paintball Contest: ASK Showgrounds, Jamhuri Park, August 15th. Join us for an enjoyable time.

The Rock Camp: Crayfish Camp, until August 16th. This year, The Rock brings you another rare opportunity that will steer your child with positivity.

Secret Garden Furniture: The Village Market, August 18th- 30th. Secret Garden Furniture connoisseurs debut their maiden show.

Open Qorner: August Edition: dusitD2 Nairobi, August 19th. A fun and insightful evening with Tazim Elkington.

WLL no. 39: Creatives Garage. Every second Saturday of the month, we bring our books, drinks and indulge our madness and sanity.

Guided Tours at The UN Gigiri Complex: United Nations Gigiri, weekdays. It's educational, informative and also fun.

YOGA, MEDITATION & FITNESS

Gofit Fitness Disco & Barbecue: August Edition: Tafaria Castle & Country Lodge, August 15th -16th . Two days and one night of fitness disco, barbecue and fun activities.

AYP Kids Yoga Camp: The Shine Center, until August 28th. Classes throughout the day, designed for both new and experienced students.

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